The third Sunday of Advent: Celebration

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). On this Sunday we celebrate and rejoice in the eternal power of God.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Light the third, rose-colored candle and say...

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).

God of blessings, we celebrate your good gifts and rejoice at the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.

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Family Advent Activity

Bless the Tree — As you put up the family Christmas tree, give thanks to God for the gift of evergreens in the winter, the gift of lights to remind us of Jesus coming into the world, and special ornaments that remind us of family, friends and holidays past. You'll find a Christmas Tree Blessing from the USCCB here.

Reflect

What does the evergreen teach us about God's love for us? (Hint: It is everlasting!)