

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO

the Holy Days

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- CELEBRATION

“Why the pink candle? The rest of them have been purple.”

Great observation. Even better question. The Advent of Christ is cause for celebration. Yes, we prepare ourselves. Yes, we take the season seriously. Yes, we search ourselves for any need of repentance. However, we also recognize that our Redeemer offers us life and hope, joy and peace. This is not just a season of fasting but also a season of feasting. He has come, and He'll surely come again to put things aright.

And so, in the midst of the preparation, in the midst of our busyness, in the midst of our reflection and contemplation, we take pause and remember that Christmas is almost here and Christ's return could be any day. Our King has come and will yet return!

This is no call to weep and panic; this is the promise of the One who longs to put things back together. As His people, we look longingly for the return of Jesus, and we celebrate His presence in our hearts, in our lives, in our midst. Likewise, we should share His presence with others.

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

John 1:6-8, 19-28

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24