

ADVENT OF RECONCILIATION

ADVENT WEEK 3

The Candle of **JOY**

READ: MATTHEW 2:10-11 (NIV)

LEADER: We light the candle of Hope, remembering the hope of Creator coming in the flesh into our neighbourhood, and we light the candle of Peace, remembering the Creator's promise of peace for all creation.

Light 1st and 2nd Candles.

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy. This third candle represents our deep longing for joy in and through our great Creator.

That waiting for the coming of Creator Jesus, like enduring a long dark night, can be a time of joyful anticipation.

That the wait for Creator Jesus will be a time of rest and reflection.

That the wait, sometimes agonizing especially for young, tender hearts will be soothed by Creator Grandfather who fills the in-between times with stories of joy, playfully imagining the good things to come.

Light Joy Candle.

We light this candle in Joy.

ALL: We remember and we laugh.

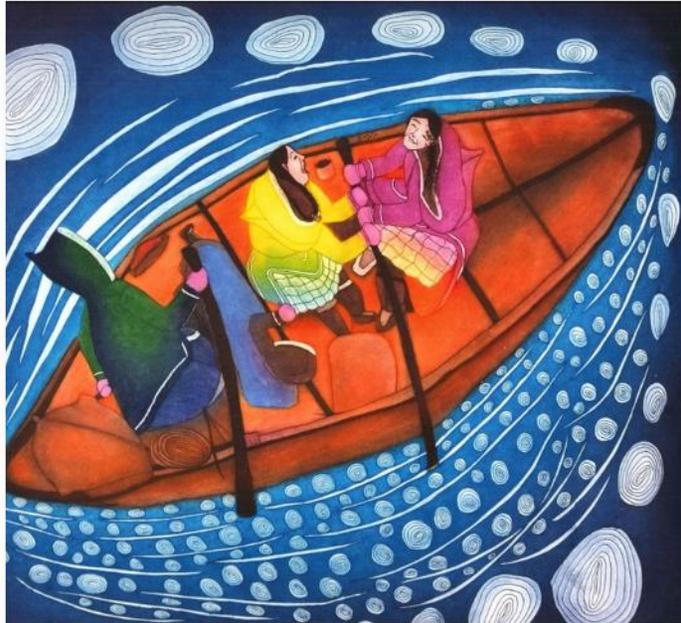
LEADER: We remember and we weep.

ALL: We remember you Creator are with us through it all.

LEADER: On this day, we hold our hands open to welcome joy.

ALL: We remember Creator Grandfather who is with us in the darkest of night waiting for the joy of a bright new sunrise.

LEADER: Amen.



"Winsome Travellers" by Napachie Pootoogook



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LUKE 2:8-20
(NLT)

The shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and
seen, as it had been told
them.



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