

Advent 2017

Week One

Wednesday, December 6

Prayers for candle-lighting

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *[Light the candle]*

You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

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1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful; by him you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are not alone as we prepare ourselves to welcome the reign of God fully into our world, for God has made Christ our partner. The earliest Christian communities had a very lively sense of Christ's presence within and among them as they sought to live as Christ's embodiment in their own time and place. Partners trust and depend upon one another fully. As St. Teresa of Avila once said, "Christ has no body now but yours."

Where will Christ be present in the world today, through you?

For Reflection

Think over the places and events you are anticipating today, or that you have already

experienced if you are doing this study in the evening.

Where do you expect to encounter Christ in someone else?

Where do you expect to be most challenged to be as Christ to others?