

## 12-31-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“... praise is not a duty or obligation to be fulfilled at a particular time. Praise is not something we do; praise is who we are. To be our authentic selves is to praise... true praise begins with finding and living our true humanity.”

- *Cherisna Jean-Marie*



Matthew 2:1-12

### Questions for Reflection —

- How has Jesus been born anew for you this Christmas? What does it mean for you to give Jesus your heart? What do you think it looks like for the likeness of Jesus to be formed in a person? How will you make room for that to happen within you? How do you create space and time to be with God?
  
- How have you been changed by your journey to the manger this year? What gifts will you now offer in service of God’s mission in our world? By what new or different path might your journey continue after your most recent manger encounter? What will help you break away from the routine and step out of your comfort zone in order to follow God’s guidance and direction?
  
- How is God working in your life to help you become the person God created you to be? How do you understand what it means for you to be your authentic self? What does it look like for you to glorify and praise God by being that authentic self? How do you praise and glorify God in your daily life? How can you let Epiphany light shine in and through you?

### Daily Household Prayer

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us. and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.