

**December 28, 2025:** *A day of Rest, Reflection, and Walking with the King who has come.*

Since **Sunday, Dec 28th** falls right after Christmas Eve — when the Adventus series culminates in celebrating *the arrival of the King* — it's a perfect opportunity to offer a *Sabbath experience* that helps us **rest, reflect, and respond** to what God has done through Advent. Instead of gathering at MRMS, let's take the day to pause and reflect on how we've seen the hope, love, joy, and peace of Christ this Advent.

## **The Word Became Flesh: John 1:1-14**

**1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[a] it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

### **I. Rest**

The King has come — and He walks with us still.

After this season of waiting, wondering, worshiping, and witnessing, today we pause. We don't rush ahead into a new year or a new plan — we rest in the presence of the One who came quietly into our world, and changed everything.

Today isn't about us *doing more* — it's about us *being with Him*. As we rest and walk with Jesus, may we sense His peace settling our hearts and His light guiding our steps into 2026

## II. Reflect

Take a few minutes of stillness. Ask:

- Where have I seen God break through this Advent?
- What has He been teaching me in the waiting?
- Where do I desire His peace to rule my heart as the year ends?

## III. Walk

Sometime today, bundle up and go for a walk — around your block, in the woods, or along a quiet trail. As you walk, reflect on these four words from Adventus:

1. **Wait** – Remember how God met you in the waiting.
2. **Wonder** – Notice creation, beauty, and small gifts along the way.
3. **Worship** – Offer thanks for the King who came for you.
4. **Witness** – Pray for those who still need to know His peace.

If you're walking with family or friends, share together:

- "What was a moment of joy for you this Advent?"
- "Where do you hope to see God move in the new year?"

When you return home, take a quiet moment to thank God:

"The King has come — and He walks with us still."