

Our Readings speak today of seeing and sight.

Isaiah experiences the glory of the Lord in the wilderness, dry land and desert. Seeing life, where no life seemed to flourish, reflects the presence of God.

Isaiah then talks about the eyes of the blind being opened. His prophecy is fulfilled in the Gospel. The blind receive their sight. They are given new life and new sight in being healed.

In this Advent season, we have an opportunity to become aware of our blindness and our need for healing. Do we see the presence of God in our selves, one another, our enemies? Are we mindful of Christ in our homes, our schools, our work places, our stores? Are we attentive to the Holy Spirit in our choices, in our ups and downs, in our conflicts as well as moments of closeness?

This week pay attention to what we see with our eyes, but also with our heart and soul. Notice beauty, joy and kindness. Keep an eye on who is sick, poor, or in need. Observe who longs for companionship, a compliment, a smile; a touch, hug or greeting.

In whatever we see, God is present.

Ask God for healing the blindness in our life. God wants us to be healed. God wants us to see.

My sisters and brothers, may we proclaim like the author of "Amazing Grace": "I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see."