

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

O God of joy,
on this Third Sunday of Advent,
through the example of St. John the Baptist,
we light our pink candle of joy
knowing that you liberate us from all oppression.

In our lives we have faced
challenges and struggles.
Around the world,
we see our sisters and brothers suffer.
Yet we know that Jesus came to
“bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord.”

Teach us that it is better to a light candle
than curse the darkness.
Help us to be your spark of joy
to bring light and hope
to all who need your love
to lift them from their suffering and oppression.
Make us your missionary disciples.

We ask this through Jesus
who knew what it meant
to share the joy of your love
in the midst of darkness.

Amen.