

# Animating Advent



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 17, 2017

First Reading: [Isaiah 61:1–2, 10–11](#)

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord. (Isaiah 61:1- 2)*

We often ask, “Where is the Spirit moving us?” It’s a good question in these days of worldwide polarization. We hear the dear neighbor asking us to use our prophetic voices to speak up and stand up on behalf of those without voice, vote or power. How do we use our prophetic voice? Where? With whom?

### Personal reflection

- How did Jesus hear Isaiah’s call to move with the Spirit?
- How do I respond to the poet [Mary Oliver’s question](#): “What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

### Widening my reflection

- How are we fulfilling the call of our Complementary Document: “As a work of the Spirit, Christian liberation is a continuing effort to recognize, affirm and defend the inherent dignity of all persons against every type of discrimination and against every form of violence and oppression...Regardless of illness or age, a member by her very life continues the ministry of unity and reconciliation. ([CD Ministry: 20-22](#))

**Mantra** from the [Acts of Chapter 2013](#):

*Breathing in and breathing out unifying love—our charism, our mission—  
we participate in the Mystery of Transformation.*

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