

**Desemba 24, 2017**

Jumapili ya 4 katika Advent

*Mungu yupo katika hali halisi bila kujali maadili yetu na mawazo yetu yanamaanisha. Yeye ni milele akijaribu kuanzisha mawasiliano; milele kufahamu maelekezo mabaya sisi kuchukua na kutafuta kutuonya; milele kutoa sadaka ya matatizo ambayo hutuvunja; milele kusimama kwenye mlango wa upweke wetu, nia ya kutuleta ushirika kama vile kufa kwa akili zaidi haikuweza kusambaza; milele kushikamana na kutokujali wetu katika tumaini kwamba siku moja mahitaji yetu, au angalau matukio yetu yatatupeleka kujibu maendeleo yake. Uwepo halisi ni kwamba, kweli na kubadilisha. Wala sio hali ya udhahirisho wa utukufu wake usiofikiwa na yeyote kati yetu! Hapa ndivyo; uwiano, uwazi, utii, uvumilivu (From The Captivating Presence by Albert E. Day, 1971).*

*Moto wa Mungu, ambao ni uhai Wake muhimu, Upendo wake, nguvu zake za uumbaji, ni moto usio sawa na ishara yake ya kidunia katika hili, kwamba ni kwa mbali tu huwaka - kwamba mbali zaidi na Yeye, huwa mbaya zaidi, na wakati tunapomgeukia na kumkaribia Yeye, kuchomwa huanza kubadilika ili kufariji, ambayo faraja itakua kwa furaha hiyo ambayo moyo kwa muda mrefu hulika kwa furaha si hakuna furaha nyingine inayoweza kufikia, "Nina nani Mbinguni na Wewe? Na hakuna chochote hapa duniani ninachotaka badala yako" (From Creation in Christ by George MacDonald, 1891)!*

**Wiki ijayo::** Huduma ya Mkataba wa Wesley

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4th Sunday in Advent

*God is present in reality no matter what unreality our practices and ponderings imply. He is forever trying to establish communication; forever aware of the wrong directions we are taking and seeking to warn us; forever offering solutions for the problems that baffle us; forever standing at the door of our loneliness, eager to bring us such comradeship as the most intelligent living mortal could not supply; forever clinging to our indifference in the hope that someday our needs, or at least our tragedies will waken us to respond to His advances. The Real Presence is just that, real and transforming. Nor are the conditions for the manifestation of His splendors out of the reach of any of us! Here they are; otherness, openness, obedience, obsession (From The Captivating Presence by Albert E. Day, 1971).*

*The fire of God, which is His essential being, His love, His creative power, is a fire unlike its earthly symbol in this, that it is only at a distance it burns—that the farther from Him, it burns the worse, and when we turn and approach Him, the burning begins to change to comfort, which comfort will grow to such bliss that the heart at length cries out with a gladness no other gladness can reach, “Whom have I in Heaven by Thee? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides Thee” (From Creation in Christ by George MacDonald, 1891)!*

**Next week:** Wesley Covenant Service

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**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Luka 1: 26-38 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

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**Jumatatu:** *Luka 2:1-20*

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**Jumanne:** *Zaburi 77*

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**Jumatano:** *Isaya 40:1-11, 28-31*

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**Alhamisi:** *Ezekieli 34: 11-16*

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**Ijumaa:** *Isaya 9:1-7*

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**Jumamosi:** *Wafilipi 4: 4-9*

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Ninakushukuru kwa Mungu na Neno la neema Yake  
ambayo ina uwezo wa kukujenga na kukupa urithi  
kati ya wote waliotakaswa. Amina.

(Matendo 20:32)

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Luke 1:26-38 (What is God saying to you?)*

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**Monday:** *Luke 2:1-20*

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**Tuesday:** *Psalms 77*

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**Wednesday:** *Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31*

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**Thursday:** *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

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**Friday:** *Isaiah 9:1-7*

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**Saturday:** *Philippians 4:4-9*

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I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace which  
is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among  
all those who are sanctified. Amen.

(Acts 20:32)