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*We cannot take a single step toward him.
We do not walk vertically. We
Can only turn our eyes toward him...
It is for him to search for us.*

Simone Weil, *Concerning the Our Father*

*Stir up thy power, O Lord, and
with great might, come among us.*

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent,
Book of Common Prayer

Dear Friends of Unity Acres,

Greetings for Advent and Christmas 2012:

Once again this year, we implore our God at Mass and in liturgies and prayers to rend the heavens and come down, the mountains quaking before him, to make himself known in this, our 'treacherous and indescribable world.'

*Pour down, O skies, from above!
Let the heavens rain down victory!*

Isaiah 45, 8

The God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, who in former times liberated his people from exile and bondage, from forced labor and the lash by means of 'trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, by

terrifying displays of power' (Dt 4, 34), who manifested himself at Sinai, 'in cloud and majesty and awe', makes himself known in an entirely new and unexpected light.

The God of the ancestors who freed his people from harsh duress and violent oppression, who spoke from the midst of fire, now takes on our limited, contingent nature, so that we might freely approach him on the level of our own humanity.

Jesus is born of a woman chosen by God and visited by the Angel. The abyss separating God from women and men is overcome in the new-born Jesus, in his weakness and vulnerability.

Time and eternity meet in an infant begotten of God, and Light enters the world.

On behalf of everyone at Unity Acres, may you all enjoy a very blessed Christmas, and may his coming bring you Light, and his blessing bring you peace.

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known
to everyone.*

The Lord is near.

Philippians 4, 4-5

Stephen Dickhout