



Friday, December 15

Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea; your descendants would be like the sand, and those born of your stock like its grains, their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence. (Isaiah 48:17-19)

Reflection: The use of water as a metaphor of God, or for any good thing, is common in Hebrew Scriptures. Who should know more about the preciousness of water than a desert people like the Israelites?

Isaiah says our prosperity will be like a river. Have we let God's love flow over us like a river, or are we stingy when we imagine it? Do we imagine God's love as a trickle or a torrent?

Advent Action: Volunteer some time at a soup kitchen or food bank or other worthy organization.

Prayer: Lord, wash me and I shall be clean, bathe me in Your loving mercy and I shall be truly forgiven.