Insights

Finding the Words

A suggested homiletic insight

First Sunday of Advent | Year B

Christians and Jews are separated by significant differences in belief, yet they share a posture of hope.

Christians look with expectation towards Christ's second coming and the fullness of salvation, while many Jews await the definitive establishment of God's justice and mercy on earth. As each community waits in hope, both are called to serve God's purposes of justice and peace, and in this there is much that can be achieved, together.

'Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.'
- General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, n.39

Nostra Aetate n.4 states, quoting the prophet Zephaniah: 'the Church awaits that day, known to God alone, on which all peoples will address the Lord in a single voice and "serve him shoulder to shoulder".'