

Moments of Blooming—Third Sunday of Advent

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[Isaiah 35:1-10](#)

[Luke 1:46b-55](#)

[James 5:7-10](#)

[Matthew 11:2-11](#)

This Sunday I preached without a manuscript. I was thinking about the image of a watered desert—about the moments when by the grace of God, we come to life, we bloom. St. Mary shows us by her example that it is right and good to see the little blossomings in our own lives as real images and encounters with God's own greatness, that—as she says, our own little souls: “Magnify the greatness of the Lord.”