

*'Make your home in me as I make mine in you. (John 15:4)*

Jesus, our incarnate God offers us this deep personal invitation to new and deeper life in Him afresh each Advent. During the past year, the world has been rocked by natural and political upheavals that have raised many questions for us. Former certainties are no more. Our lives may have experienced suffering that has left us fragile and unsure of the next step.



We may be like Zacchaeus anxious to see Jesus but not sure which tree we may need to climb to get a better view or our wares may be on sale in the temple when Jesus calls us. An awareness of our own sin or unworthiness may prevent us from raising our eyes from the dust of the earth when His words ring deep in our hearts.

In His mercy, Jesus comes among us and asks us to welcome Him with our whole being. He touches all the issues of our lives and invites us into an ever deepening relationship with Himself. He asks that the home of our heart be filled with prayer and compassionate embrace for all creation, especially that which is most vulnerable. Infused with the gifts of the Holy Spirit we will be able to respond in love to all that He asks of us. As the days unfold, our home will be deeply rooted in Him; the tornadoes and tsunamis of life may rock us for a while; however, we will not be submerged by the storms of this life as we drink *deeply* from the wells of His incarnational love.

