**The Beginning of Advent**

Now is the time of watching and waiting.

The time of pregnant expectation of new life.

Now is the season of hope unfolding.

The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.

Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

# May our soul magnify God’s name

and may our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour!

Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope.