

13 DECEMBER — GO

READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2

THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS UPON ME, FOR THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO COMFORT THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND TO PROCLAIM THAT CAPTIVES WILL BE RELEASED AND PRISONERS WILL BE FREED. HE HAS SENT ME TO TELL THOSE WHO MOURN THAT THE TIME OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR HAS COME, AND WITH IT, THE DAY OF GOD'S ANGER AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES.

Lead Story Headline

On the 13th December in Norway, Sweden and Swedish-speaking regions of Finland, Saint Lucy or Saint Lucia's day is celebrated. Her feast day, is widely celebrated as a festival of light and as a precursor to Christmastide, pointing to the arrival of the Light of Christ in the world at Christmas.

As songs are sung, girls dressed as Saint Lucy carry cookies and saffron buns go in procession around their neighbourhoods and town, symbolising the Light of Christ coming into the world's darkness.



PRAYER:

BLESSED ARE YOU, SOVEREIGN LORD, JUST AND TRUE: TO YOU BE PRAISE AND GLORY FOR EVER. YOUR PROPHET JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS WITNESS TO THE TRUTH AS A BURNING AND SHINING LIGHT. MAY WE YOUR SERVANTS REJOICE IN HIS LIGHT, AND SO BE LED TO WITNESS TO HIM WHO IS THE LORD OF OUR COMING KINGDOM, JESUS OUR SAVIOUR AND KING OF THE AGES. AMEN.

Enrichment

Go see. Go hear. Go tell. Following Christ involves movement, using our action for positive social change through what we say and do. As we go, we keep our eyes and ears open to what the world is telling us, so that in our journey, we authentically address the needs of those around us. Where can you take the Good News?

Things to do

- Light the first two purple candle and the pink (Gaudete) candle on your advent wreath.
- Listen to the [Gaudete](#).
- If you would like to do more baking then consider making some [St Lucia buns](#) and giving them to neighbours and friends.