

GOD WITH US

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Amidst chaos, catastrophes and destruction
Amidst consumerist festivities and distractions
God is with us

Amidst anxieties and doubts
Amidst homelessness and up-rootedness
God is with us

Amidst violence and wars
Amidst our vulnerability and suffering
God is with us

Amidst sin and evil
Amidst forgiveness and goodness
God is with us

We have gathered here to celebrate Jesus, the incarnate Word who came to be with us. His name is Emmanuel. That means God with us!

How wonderful that God is with our staff, missionaries and leadership of our mission agency.

How wonderful that God is with our mission around the world from everywhere to everywhere.

How wonderful that God is within the uttermost margins of the world and is in solidarity with the oppressed and outcast.

How wonderful that God is with all those who are brokenhearted and with wounded communities.

How wonderful that God is with all resilient mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers around the world who search a new life.

How wonderful that God is with all the prophets and prophetesses in today's world who speak the truth and work for justice.

How wonderful that God is with all humanity crossing the boundaries of all human constructs of gender and identity, caste and religion, ethnicity and culture.

How wonderful that God is with the whole groaning creation.

Best of all is - God with us - Emmanuel.

Amen.