

## **December 29, 2019**

### **God With Us**

#### **First Reading** ~ Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell you of YHWH's unfailing love, and sing the praises of YHWH for all that YHWH did for us- the many good things done for the house of Israel, which God did with motherly compassion and many kindnesses. For YHWH said, "Truly these are my people, children who will not be false to me"; and God became their liberator in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but God's presence that saved them; God redeemed them out of deep love and profound mercy; God lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

#### **Second Reading** ~ *from James B. Nelson in "Embodiment"*

Christian faith is an incarnational faith, a faith in the repeatable and continuing incarnation of God. God is uniquely known to us through human presence, and human presence is always embodied presence.