

Homily 4th Sunday in Advent (24.12.17)

Let go of doubt, pride and resentment,  
and truly see the glory of the Lord.

Think of your wildernesses because that's a powerful image and that's real if you're praying. That voice is deep within our inner being. It's a voice that calls us to more than just the tragedy. And what does that voice say to me today? Well, today's Scripture is addressing us all. Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight in your life, in my life. And it is, I would suggest, not just the voice of conscience, but the very voice of God. His word at the center of my being and it addresses me. And if we were to take Isaiah's answer to how you prepare the way with those hills and mountains, I would translate this for me, if it makes any sense for you. Let every valley of doubt be filled in, let every mountain and hill of pride be laid low, let every cliff or precipice of resentment and anger become a plane, and let the ridges of fear become a valley. And then and only then as the prophet promises will we see truly the glory of the Lord at Christmas.