

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
And also with you

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Advent is a time in which we give voice to the hope set forth in scriptures that his kingdom shall come.

As we light the third candle in our Advent wreath we remember John the Baptist was sent to prepare, for you were very near.

As Christmas grows closer day by day,

Help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

ALL Lord Jesus, Light of the world

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

The **COLLECT** (is the prayer for the day) is said

God, for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

CHOIR led

THE READING

At the end of the reading you may like to say

For the word of God in Scripture **ALL: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

THE CREED

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family In heaven and in earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, Who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love,

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, Who strengthens us With power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray

The prayers are then said. This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy **ALL: Hear our prayer**

At the end, the intercessor may say:

Merciful Father **ALL: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE CONCLUSION

Rejoice and pray in the Spirit
**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.
May the boldness of your Spirit transform us.
May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us.
May the gifts of your Spirit equip us.
To serve and worship you .
Now and always. Amen**

THE FINAL BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing ...
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS & CHAT