

## 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 second candle in our Advent wreath we remember how God our Father spoke through the prophets and told them of the Christ who was to come. We remember Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Micah who prepared the way for the Messiah who was to come.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**ALL Loving God, you have led us to this place,  
not to shield us from difficulties in human life,  
but to heal us and inspire us,  
till we see the world as you do  
and love it with your love  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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

The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness

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

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour may we be ready to receive him who is our Lord and our God. 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**