

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

ALL: Our Father in heaven, Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD - ADVENT

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

ALL: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

LAMB OF GOD

THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

COMMUNION SONGS

*How Great Are You Lord
Watch for the Light*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - ADVENT 2

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God whose power, working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING - ADVENT 2

Celebrant: We walk in the wilderness searching for meaning.

ALL: May God baptise us with mercy and fire.

Celebrant: We walk in the city thirsting for justice.

ALL: May God baptise us with integrity and hope.

Celebrant: We walk towards Bethlehem seeking a Saviour.

ALL: May God baptise us with holiness and joy.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of God, our Judge, Maker, Saviour and Holy Spirit, come upon us now, and remain with us for ever.

ALL: Amen

CLOSING SONG:

Days of Elijah

DISMISSAL - Advent

Celebrant: Go in peace, in joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ADVENT 2 – Sunday December 8 2019

GATHERING SONG

Prepare Ye!

OPENING SONG: *There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying CP106*

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GATHERING - GRACE

Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **ALL:** And also with you.

GATHERING - COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God...

ALL: to you all hearts are open all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING RESPONSES - ADVENT 2

Leader: God summons the innocent; God summons the guilty

ALL: God summons us with love.

Leader: God welcomes the poor; God welcomes the powerful

ALL: God welcomes us with love.

Leader: Like Abraham and Sarah laughing; like Jacob wrestling for a blessing

ALL: Keep us keeping on.

Leader: Like Hannah praying in the temple; like Noah building boats in the wilderness

ALL: Keep us keeping on.

Leader: Like Moses challenging injustice; like Joseph and Mary listening to angels.

ALL: Keep us keeping on.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (Peace)

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ALL: Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish.

Leader: We light the candle of peace as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus Come, Lord Jesus, into our world, into our church, into our homes

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

CANDLE SONG

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

COLLECT ADVENT 2

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall

come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 11: 1-10* **ALL:** ...Thanks be to God

PSALM 72 1-7 & -19

1 Give the king your justice, O God, * **and your righteousness to the king's son;**

2 That he may rule your people righteously * **and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * **and the little hills bring righteousness.**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * **from one generation to another.**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * **like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * **who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! * **and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.**

PSALM 79-PRAYER

ALL: Gracious God, in times of sorrow and depression, when hope itself seems lost, help us to remember the transforming power of your steadfast love and to give thanks for that new life we cannot now imagine. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

SECOND READING: *Romans 15: 4-13* **ALL:** Thanks be to God!

SONG TO GREET THE GOSPEL: *Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us* CP 564

GOSPEL: *Matthew 3:1-12*

REFLECTION

ANGEL TREE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *as directed by the intercessor*

THE CONFESSION

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God...

ALL: ...we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not

loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **ALL:** Amen

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

OFFERING SONG:

All Praise to Thee CP 387

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - ADVENT 2

ALL: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARIST PRAYER 1 PART 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **PEOPLE:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **PEOPLE:** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God...

... we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS

ALL:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *(repeat)*

heaven and earth are full - full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARIST PRAYER 1 PART 2

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise....

...by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, ...

...Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.