

Evening Worship *in* Advent
on Zoom
Advent 1
Sunday 28 November 2021
6pm

Before the service

You may wish to say this prayer of preparation,
as you wait for the service to begin.

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
You know the journeys that I take
and the places where I rest.
You know all that is on my heart,
and the “to do” lists and worries that are cluttering my life.
Help me to let go of them,
for a while, and worship you. **Amen.**

Preparation

The Greeting

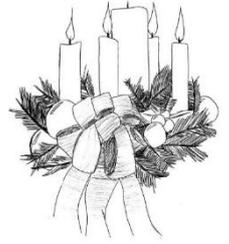
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray. *Silence.*
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Advent Candles

*A prayer is said as an Advent candle is lit in one of our homes.
We then say sorry to God.*



Advent 1 - The Patriarchs

Heavenly Father,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
you called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith.
May your light shine in our hearts,
so that we may be ready to meet Christ our King
when he comes again. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Heavenly Father,
you have a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

*Rev'd Katrina introduces a period of silent prayer by saying,
'Let us pray.' The Collect for today is said.*

Readings

We listen to today's Old Testament and Gospel readings.

At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responses to God's Word

An Advent Reflection

An Advent Poem

Affirmation of Faith

Looking forward to Christ's return,
we affirm our faith in God's promise to us.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.

cf. Ephesians 3

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition the following may be said:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

At the end this response may be said.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Conclusion

Notices

An Advent Carol *read as a poem*

Closing Prayer

Let us pray:

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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 of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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