

Advent Message to the congregation

Dear Friends,

In the name of our Lord Jesus, who was, who is and will come. May his peace be with you.

After a very difficult year 2020, with covid-19, 2 lockdowns, many deaths, a time of uncertainty, doubts and troubles; there is comfort to be found when we pause to pray, read, and reflect over the course of Advent season to be prepared to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We celebrate Advent over the four weeks up to Christmas each year. This year we begin Advent on November 29th and end this season of prayerful anticipation on December 24th.

The word Advent comes from Latin word "Adventus" which means Coming. This first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to focus on **HOPE**. It's a beautiful chance to remember the **HOPE** God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus. Let us see our sins in the light of God's holiness and the redeemer of human kinds. Advent is a time for prayer and repentance.

May the Lord of Hope be with you all during this journey to Christmas through Advent. This is a time of hope, time to refresh ourselves; to stand together as a community and Church to go back to where we belong in Jesus of Nazareth. O come, O come Emmanuel. **Amen!**

Yours in Christ,

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