

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020 - 10:15 am

WELCOME

stand

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

The first candle on the wreath is lit.

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

GATHERING SONG - "My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV 627 (*insert*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Celebrate p.1*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

be seated

FIRST READING - Isaiah 64:1-9 (*Celebrate p.1*)

PSALM - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (*Celebrate p.2*)

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (*Celebrate p.3*)

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-37 (*Celebrate p.3*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

be seated

MEDITATION & INTERLUDE

LITURGY OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

God the Father, you desire the health and salvation of all people.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life and might have it more abundantly.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temples of your presence.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled that they may be made whole;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent the awareness of your presence;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of Spirit;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all those who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying a peaceful, holy death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world;

Hear us O Lord of life.

Turn you ear to us, O God;

Hear us and make us whole.

For this blessing you may choose to place your hand on your chest or in the air. God will meet you where you are

May God bless you with the healing power of the Holy Spirit, May God forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG - "Soon and Very Soon"

WOV 744 *(see insert)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!