



**ADVENT IS HERE;
LET US PREPARE
THE WAY FOR
THE LORD**



LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(THE FIRST CANDLE REMAINS LIGHTED)

SIGN OF THE CROSS

Leader : Prepare a way for the Lord; make His paths straight,
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God

HYMN: O COME DIVINE MESSIAH

O come Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flees away.

CHORUS

Sweet Saviour haste,
Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and show thy face
And bid us hail the dawn of grace
O come Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flees away

Thou'lt come in peace and meekness
And lowly will Thy cradle be,
All veiled in human weakness
Thy majesty we'll see

OPENING PRAYER

Father, in this season of Advent,
We prepare our hearts for Your coming
You are the vine, we are the branches
Come and tend us, prune us, clean us;
Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit
Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit
Our hearts await Your glorious return as the Eternal King
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Amen.



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A FAMILY MEMBER LIGHTS THE 2ND CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader : In a world where so many despair, God lights a Candle of Peace in our hearts.
May we be worthy of our mission to spread the light of Christ so that all may acknowledge Jesus as Lord;

All : Lord, light our way to be Your instruments to stand up for peace.



GOSPEL : MARK 1 : 3 - 4, 7 - 8

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so, it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In the course of his preaching, he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals. I have baptised you with water, but He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

(We take a few moments to hear the voice of God speaking to us through the Gospel)



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MAKE A CHANGE

Leader : Lord, we are broken because of sin, knotted with wounds of hurt and unforgiveness;
In silence, we bring before You, all our knots; please untie and set us free to live as children of Your Light.
(3 mins)

All : Lord, everything that I've been holding onto, I let go;
I surrender; Have mercy on me Lord; I'm READY FOR MY CHANGE;
Grant us courage to forgive others as You have forgiven us. Let our lives be a sign of reconciling peace for which our world waits in hope. (*Recite the OUR FATHER*)

MAKE A CHANGE

1. Pray and make peace with the one we find very difficult to interact
2. Reach out with an act/acts of kindness – fill the Advent Mug





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RESPONSE : **COME, LORD JESUS**

Leader : LORD, JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; R.

Leader : LORD, JESUS, PEACE IN THE MIDST OF WOE; R.

Leader : BRING HOPE TO ALL AFFECTED BY THIS PANDEMIC; R.

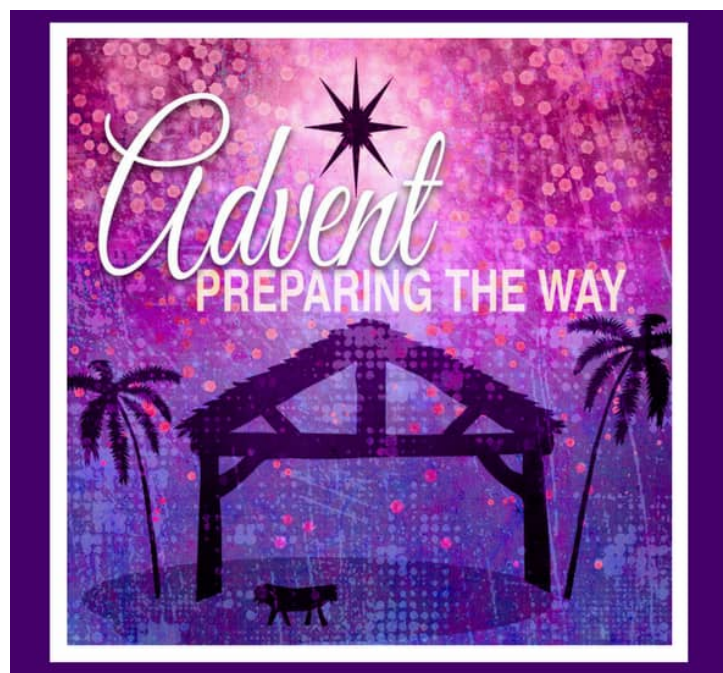
Leader : IMPART YOUR MERCY AND HEALING TO ALL NATIONS; R.

Leader : BE THE JOY OF ALL WHO LONG FOR YOU; R.

Leader : QUENCH ALL WHO THIRST FOR YOU; R.

Leader : UNITE ALL WHO BELIEVE IN YOU; R.

Leader : POUR OUT YOUR BLESSINGS ON OUR FAMILIES; R.





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CLOSING HYMN : O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile there
Until the Son of God appear;

CHORUS

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,
To Thee shall come Emmanuel

O come, thou day spring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight;

Leader : LET US CONTINUE TO BE BEACONS OF GOD'S PEACE

All : THANKS BE TO GOD

SIGN OF THE CROSS

(Share the sign of peace)

Watch the video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcravEG2ATE&feature=youtu.be>

