

Alongsiders' Prayers for December 2020

December 06, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Luke 3: 4, 6

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

God's power and love is everlasting. He patiently waits for us to repent and turn to Him. He is our shepherd who holds us close to His heart. Be ready for we don't know the number of days before He will come to take us home. We should live in God's love and show that love and mercy to all whom we meet, for in this way we are doing the will of God in our life and witness.

Collect: 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.

John the Baptist prepares that way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people to realign their lives. As we gather expectantly in God's presence, let us pray:

God of cleansing and liberating power, give us the courage and perception to see ourselves as we really are, and repent of our sin.

May the whole Church be cleansed and renewed.

Come, O come Emmanuel: Come and live in us.

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God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the world's leaders and all in authority that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good.

Come, O come Emmanuel: Come and live in us.

God of love and faithfulness, may every family be surrounded and upheld by your presence, the conflicts healed and needs provided for every act of kindness blessed.

Come, O come Emmanuel: Come and live in us.

God of wholeness, bring your reassurance and healing, your hope and patience to all who are suffering in any way; bring freedom to all who are imprisoned by hate or guilt, and a change of heart to all who need to forgive.

Come, O Come Emmanuel: Come and live in us.

God of unending life, bring life in its fullness to us here, and to those who have completed their time on earth. May they know the freedom and joy of your heaven.

Come, O Come Emmanuel: Come and live in us.

God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. Isaiah 61: 1

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

When we get good news we can't wait to share it and spread our joy to others. God takes delight in us when we spread love and good news. John the Baptist, as well, could not contain his good news about the coming of Christ our Saviour. Let us not be silent, but spread the good news of joy this Advent season. Let us give thanks in all circumstances in our lives even if it isn't pleasant, there is probably a lesson to be learned there as well. Pray always. God Bless you.

Collect: God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when He comes, He may find us waiting in awe and wonder for Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray to the living God, who always keeps His promises, and knows us so well. Loving Father, keep your Church faithful in telling the good news, comforting the desolate, actively loving justice, and drawing many to freedom through the joy of your forgiveness.

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

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As the Church, we pray for the world, that there may be integrity in leadership, mercy and justice for rich and poor, strong and weak, that there may be peace among nations and respect for all.

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

As the family of believers, we pray for those around us now and their needs; for the families we represent, and their needs. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and how we speak.

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

In compassion, we call to mind all who are locked in physical or emotional pain, all who are weighed down with worry, guilt or despair. Restore and refresh them, comfort and free them.

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

As resurrection people, we commend to your love those who have died to this earthly life. May they and we, in turn, experience forever the joy of your eternity.

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, promises honoured, and the victory over evil, gloriously accomplished in Him to fill our lives with hope.

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

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December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

I am the servant of the Lord: let it be to me according to His word.

Luke 1: 38

Scripture readings:

2 Samuel 7: 1-11; 16

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

God's faithfulness is known through all generations. As foretold to Nathan about David that God would make his name great and his kingdom will endure forever. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, a virgin from Nazareth, and told her she was favoured to give birth to the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. She was to call His name Jesus and His kingdom will last forever. Mary answered, "I am the Lord's servant!" Whatever He asks of us He is faithful to supply our need. Thanks be to God.

Collect: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God's promised kingdom, announced both to King David in ancient times and to Mary by the Angel Gabriel, will go on for ever. Gathered as the Church of God, let us pray together for the coming of His kingdom.

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Lord of Heaven, may the Church be quiet enough to hear your voice, humble enough to move your way, and excited enough to bring the good news.

Living God: let your Kingdom come.

Lord of Heaven, bless all who lead with integrity and respect for others. Bless all in positions of authority with humility and a sense of right. May unjust practices be changed for good and conflicts of great tension be peacefully resolved.

Living God: let your Kingdom come.

Lord of Heaven, make our homes places of loving acceptance and developing faith. Teach us in all our friendships to grow in generosity of spirit.

Living God: let your Kingdom come.

Lord of Heaven, give patience and courage to all who have to wait when the waiting is long and painful. Bring healing to all who are wounded, whether physically or emotionally, and give them the assurance of your presence.

Living God: let your Kingdom come.

Lord of Heaven, welcome into your eternity those who have died in this life and whose hope is in you. Comfort those who mourn them and reach into their pain with your love.

Living God: let your Kingdom come.

Lord of Heaven, we thank you for your faithful promise to us, fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. We welcome His kingship in our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You dear Heavenly Father, for sending the only begotten and eternal Son of Your love, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be born as a tiny baby in such humble conditions, so that the fallen race of mankind could be redeemed from their sin and be made sons and daughters of the Most High God, through faith in His name.

How I bless Your holy name for all the goodness and loving kindness that You have extended to me and to all the fallen race of humanity. Thank You that Jesus set aside His glory to be dressed in human flesh so that in the fullness of time, those that trust in His name might be made Your sons and daughters and joint-heirs with Christ Himself.

Thank You, that You never gave up on mankind but have allowed us to regain fellowship with Yourself, simply by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give all of us, I pray the light of Your love in our hearts this Christmas time and the opportunity to tell of the good news of the gospel of Christ to those that are perishing. Draw many into Your kingdom I pray, so that Your name may be glorified and to You be all the praise and honour and glory and thanks, for You alone are worthy.

Amen

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December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3: 15, 16

Scripture readings:

Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40

God is our watchman, our strong tower, who hears and sees our struggles and joys. Praise Him and be thankful. He has sent us His Son to be our Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace, the healer of the sick, the comforter of all who suffer. Let us rejoice and be glad. Let the whole earth praise His name. This didn't happen because of anything we could do, but because of God's great mercy on us. Like the angels who appeared in the fields to the shepherd, may we never tire of praising God giving Him the glory, and sharing His peace with everyone we meet on this road of life until we meet in heaven. Blessings to all God's family this Christmas season. Amen.

Collect: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

As we celebrate Jesus being born amongst us, let us pray in the presence of God:

That the Church may truly be the Body of Christ in loving servanthood, humility and availability; that as ministers and teachers, prophets and

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evangelists, givers, carers and listeners, the whole people of God may make Christ known.

O come: let us adore Him.

That the world God loved into being and placed in our care may be valued and respected, and its resources fairly shared.

O come: let us adore Him.

That every family may be blessed and guided through all the troubles and changes of life, supporting one another in love, and forgiving one another every day.

O come: let us adore Him.

That there may be food and shelter enough for each person on this earth, comfort and practical help for all in need, and peace of mind for the worriers.

O come: let us adore Him.

That the dying may be at peace with God, and that those of our loved ones who are separated from us through death may know the joy of heaven.

O come: let us adore Him.

That our praise and thankfulness may be bright as meadow flowers, springing up wherever we walk through this daily gift of life you provide.

O Come: let us adore Him.

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

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Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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