

HEALING SERVICE - 29th November 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

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Welcome & Lighting of Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

We come to God

In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

We come with our hopes, our fears and our doubts,

We come as we are, because it is God who invites us

and God has promised never to turn us away.

Hymn - Come thou long-expected Jesus

Bible readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

At the end of each reading:

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Invitation to Confession

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

There follows a period of silent reflection and self-examination.

Confession

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Song - Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

Introduction to Prayer Ministry

There are a number of ways in which we can engage with the Lord during this time of prayer at home, including the following:

- If you are with others at home, you might like to pray for one another.
- Write a prayer(s) for yourself / a person on your heart and mind. If you have a Cross in your home, place your prayer at the foot of the Cross.
- Light a candle, as you pray for people you're concerned about, remembering that Jesus is the Light of world who has come that no one need walk in darkness.
- During the time of prayer ministry there is normally an opportunity to be anointed with the sign of the cross and to be prayed for. You might like to make the sign of the cross and then open your hands with palms up, in a gesture of receiving from the Lord. The

following prayer will be said at the end of the Prayer time, so receive it as being prayed over you:

In the name of God and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace. Amen.

Prayer

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing, and peace.

Prayer Ministry

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Notices

Song - There is a Redeemer

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 among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

