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November 28th, 2021 – Advent 2

Welcome

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

Opening Sentence –

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God Luke 3.4, 6

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Why do we light the second candle?

The first candle is the candle of Hope, This is the candle of Peace. It reminds us that God wants all people to live together in harmony. God has promised that the Holy Spirit will live forever in our hearts to bring peace.

Advent Hymn - Light the Advent Candle

Opening Hymn - Thank you, thank you Jesus

The Penitential Rite

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Opening Hymn – People, Look East! The Time is Near

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Introductory Responses

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;

**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Will you not give us life again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us

to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
so that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word
and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Gloria –

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth**

**Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We Worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer**

**For you alone are the Holy One.
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of the Father Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The Psalm for the day - Luke 1:68-79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has
looked favorably on his people and redeemed
them.

**He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the
house of his servant David,**

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy
prophets from of old,

**that we would be saved from our enemies and
from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our
ancestors, and has remembered his holy
covenant,

**the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us**

that we, being rescued from the hands of our
enemies, might serve him without fear,

**in holiness and righteousness before him all our
days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the
Most High; for you will go before the Lord to
prepare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his people by
the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from
on high will break upon us,

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in
the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the
way of peace."**

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Blessed be God for ever

The 1st Reading – Baruch 5:1-9

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Responsory

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first
believed,
for the night is far spent.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

The 2nd Reading - Philippians 1:3-11

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

A Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35.1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice,
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,

the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not,
your God is coming with judgement,

coming with judgement to save you.'
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame leap like a hart,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing,

with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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The Gradual Hymn – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to . . .
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection – The Christiaction Advent Challenge -- Peace

Affirmation of Faith

Hear O Israel
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Lord's Prayer – Sung (Call and Response)

The Prayers for the Community

In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour
and Redeemer.

O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High,
you reign over all things to the ends of the earth:
come and teach us how to live.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Head of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the fire of the burning bush
and you gave the law on Sinai:
come with outstretched arm and ransom us.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the
nations,
all rulers will keep silence before you
and all peoples will summon you to their aid:
come, set us free and delay no more.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel,
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness:
come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations:
come and save us, O Anointed One.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

Collect 1 –

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful
expectation. Make us ready for the
message that prepares the way, so that with
uprightness of heart and holy joy we may
eagerly await the coming your Christ, who reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and
for ever. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn – Sing of God Made Manifest

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Collect 2 –

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.

May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and
waiting. **Amen.**