

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Come, Let Us Adore Him: Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy
Second Sunday of Advent



SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

For the Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN PRAISE

Greetings

First reader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Community: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Second reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.¹

+Gathering Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul

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+Confession and Forgiveness

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

The presider may lead the prayer of preparation.

Presider: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our lord.

Presider: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

The community kneels or stands. Silence may be kept.

Community: Most merciful God, we confess that captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,

¹ Taken from the UMC Discipleship Resources: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in our ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The presider announces the God's forgiveness.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By Grace, you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

The community continues to stand.

Prelude

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Community: And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider: **Lord have mercy upon us**

Community: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Community: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Community: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria

Community: Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, We glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us. 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 God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Community: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING IN WORD & PROCLAMATION

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Community: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

New Testament reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Community: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Before the gospel:

Gospel reader: The holy gospel according to **Mark 1:1-8**

Community: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the gospel:

Gospel reader: The gospel of the Lord.

Community: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Anthem choir song

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CREED

Stand

Presider: A Let us stand and confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Community: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Intercessor: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Intercessor: O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church's powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you for the tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Hear us, O God

Community: Your mercy is great.

Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for the Staff and Garrett community and remember those others whom we name before you in our hearts or aloud at this time (especially). Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our community as a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Look with joy upon your children who are celebrating special anniversaries this week (especially) and all who rejoice this week, that their joy may be endless. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Intercessor: Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

Community: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greetings of Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Community: And also with you.

During the Sharing of the Peace, the Communion Stewards will join the Presider at the table to the north of the communion table to wash their hands. They will remain on the side as the Presider returns to the table to proceed with the Communion liturgy.

+The Great Thanksgiving

Stand.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Community And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Community: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Community: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Presider: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

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We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, nurturing our past, our present, our future; for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for the Atlantic, the Pacific, and a continent between; for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors from many cultures; and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools. We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Francis, Bach, Martin Luther King, Jr. We praise you for your Son, O God, who saves us from sin and from evil, who continues to lead us to new life.

Presider may hold hands over the bread, or touch or lift the bread.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider may hold hands over the cup, or touch or lift the cup.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. And so we remember your Son, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his word, and his presence in this meal, and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has Died

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Presider may raise hands.

We pray that you send your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your guidance everywhere in the church. Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup; inspire your people for service, and renew the

world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice and your peace, reconciling us with you and our neighbors. We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, Abba, Living Water, Breath of Life, today, tomorrow and forever.

AMEN

Amen

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+The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choosing.

+Breaking of the Bread. +Sharing the Bread and Cup.

Please use sanitizers on the two stations before receiving the bread and cup. The bread used for communion is gluten, dairy, nut, and soy free. The juice in the chalice is unfermented.

Special Music

I take the bread of life

Hillsong worship

Dismissal prayer

Presider: Let us pray

Brief silence.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Dismissal Blessing

Presider:

presider lifts his both side to bless the community.

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
And blessing of the Holy Trinity, One God,
Bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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