



Common Prayer for Children & Families

November 29, 2020

Vision Statement

To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

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Our Mission Priority

Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.

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The First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Opening

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us gather in stillness and silence.

Pause for 10 seconds of silence.

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
One God and Mother of us all,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Lighting of an Advent Wreath

If you have an Advent wreath, light the candle as you say

For the darkness of waiting, of not knowing what is to come, of staying ready and quiet
and attentive, we praise you, O God;,
For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

Song

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation

Take a moment of silence to reflect on the lessons.

Creed

I believe in God above,
 I believe in Jesus’s love.
 I believe in God’s Spirit too,
 comes to tell me what to do.
 I believe that I can be kind and good,
 dear Lord, like Thee.

Prayers

God of Love, gather all people as one human family.
 Guide our community, our country, and the world.
 Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.
 Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.
 May all who have died rest in peace.

For what else shall we pray?.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Closing

Let us bless our God.
To God be thanks forever.

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