



Advent 1

Hope - Kinal Antzetik

Opening Response

God of all Creation,

What do you require of us?

To do justice,

Seeking peace & reconciliation, standing with the marginalized and forgotten

To love kindness

Showing compassion and unconditional caring for those in need

To walk humbly

Following in the steps of Jesus, lifting up not the work of our hands but the power that sustains our service.

With these things on our minds and in our hearts, we gather together in prayer.

Song

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near, wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

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Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Reflection and Discussion - Kinal Antzetik

Intercessions

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness.
In this holy season,
when the sun's light is swallowed up

by the growing darkness of the night,
you renew your promise to reveal among us
the splendour of your glory,
enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the prophets
you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of his Spirit,
you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness.
Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise.
For to you all honour and blessing are due,
now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

**Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on 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. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May you leave here with the reminder that we are always hopeful. Hopeful that we and all peoples may
bring peace to this world, love to our neighbours, and joy to everything we do.

Closing Song

Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you
Let us share this sign of peace.



Advent 2

Peace - Paso del Norte Human Rights Center

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Opening Prayer

Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle,
the strength to be forgiving,
the patience to be understanding,
and the endurance to accept the consequences
of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil
and the power of love to overcome hatred.

We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe
in a world emancipated from violence.

Help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy
to the task of making peace,
praying always for the inspiration and the power
to fulfill the destiny for which we were created.

Song

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Readings

2 Corinthians 13:5-11

Psalm 120

Gospel reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Reflection and Discussion - Paso del Norte Human Rights Center

Collect

**Almighty God,
from whom all thought of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable
wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go
forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Peace of the running waves to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the shades of night to you,
Moon and stars always giving light to you,
Deep peace of Christ, the Son of Peace, to you.

Closing Song

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Advent 3

Joy - Keiskamma

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Opening Prayer

As the hand is made for holding and the eye for seeing,

You have fashioned me for joy.

Share with me the vision that finds that joy everywhere.

In the wild violet's beauty;

In the lark's melody;

In the face of a steadfast man;

In a child's smile;

In a mother's love;

In the purity of Jesus.

Readings

Philippians 1: 3-11

Psalm 25: 1-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 7-18

Reflection and Discussion - Keiskamma

Intercessions/Thanksgivings

For you, Our Creator, we give you honour and praise, and we lift up our voices to proclaim your Gospel in the world around us, when so many are oblivious to your good works. We know how much you love and care for your whole creation, including ourselves. Even when we sin, you forgive and we are endlessly thankful that you see fit to offer us such a chance for life. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christ and his teachings, in a world where so many fail to be astonished. Help us to be messengers of his Word and teach us what it really means to embrace truth and joy. Remind us what the Kingdom looks like and how it is always here, present. **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit in us, when so many refuse to open their hearts. Help us to remain open to our own vocations, that we may do and say what is most honourable and worthy. Help us to continue to let the spirit move in us, so that we may continue to move in you. **Lord, have mercy.**

For food in a world where many live in hungry; remind us that we are fortunate. We have more than we deserve and for that we are forever grateful. We thank you for all you give and give and give, even when we can't give back. **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith in a world where many live in fear; thank you for making us your people. Thank you for love and compassion and joy. But more, we thank you for sheer creation – for our own beautiful, worthy, unique selves. We take pride in being the Children of God. Help us to use them in righteous ways. **Lord, have mercy.**

For friends in a world where many live alone; we thank you without ceasing for friendship, families, fellowship and fun. May we strive to offer these things to those we know are without it, and be ever mindful of the joy in plants in our hearts. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all of these things, and all of the gifts that you offer to each of us every single day, we give our heartfelt thanks. We bless your name. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, everlasting Creator, we ask your blessing upon all of those who work for peace and righteousness all over the world. We pray that the day might come, sooner rather than later, when war shall be no more, and that all the world might know Your grace and mercy, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. In the name of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Closing Song

Peace

May the hope, joy and peace of the Lord be with and among you this day and always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of these blessings with one another now.



Advent 4

Love - CoCoSI

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Opening Prayer

Loving God,

As we gather together in prayer as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, be with us. Open our ears to Your word, our eyes to Your world, our minds for reflection, and our hearts to Your love.

Amen.

Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Reflection and Discussion - CoCoSI

Collect

God of Life,
Let your great love redefine our world.
Let light shine in the darkness,
And peace spread through our nations,
our communities,
and our hearts.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world
with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours!

Closing Song

Peace

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