

Sunday 5th. December, 2021 11.00 am

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 601 Look upon us, blessed Lord,

1 Look upon us, blessèd Lord,
Take our wandering thoughts and guide us:
We have come to hear your word:
With your teaching now provide us,
That, from earth's distractions turning,
We your message may be learning.

2 For your Spirit's radiance bright
We, assembled here, are hoping:
when we live without your light,
In the dark our souls were groping:
In word, deed, and thought direct us:
only you, Lord,, can correct us.

3 Brightness of the Father's face,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Make us ready in this place:
Ear and heart await thy leading.
In our study, prayers, and praising,
May our souls find their upraising.

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Scripture Sentence

Opening Prayer

**Merciful God,
we confess that 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 loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.**

Children's Address & The Advent Wreath

Hymn 282 'Christmas is coming!' vv.1,2

*Christmas is coming,
the Church is glad to sing,
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.*
1 The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.
Chorus

2 The second for the prophets,
 who said that Christ would come
 with good news for many
 and angry words for some.
 Chorus

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St. Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession

Anthem

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Apostles' Creed

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.

Hymn 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Chorus

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Chorus

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Chorus

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Chorus

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold.)

