

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 11.00 am

The Second Sunday in Advent

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Guest Organist: Mr. Donald Armour

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

### Hymn 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For you are our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch out your hand, to heal our sore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
once more upon your people shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

The Advent Wreath

### Hymn 271 Loving God, you see us here,

- 1 Loving God, you see us here,  
know our names and who we are.  
Though we never have seen you,  
we believe you are here.
- 2 Loving God, you hear our prayer  
for all those in need today.  
Show us how we can help you,  
help us do what we can.
- 3 Loving God, you stay with us,  
wide awake and when we sleep.  
Thank you for every moment,  
thank you for your great care.

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**Isaiah 40:1-11**

### Hymn 358 The great love of God is revealed in the Son,

- 1 The great love of God is revealed in the Son,  
who came to this earth to redeem every one.  
That love, like a stream flowing clear to the sea,  
makes clean every heart that from sin would be free.

2 It binds the whole world, every barrier it breaks,  
the hills it lays low, and the mountains it shakes.  
It's yours, it is ours, see how lavishly given!  
the pearl of great price, and the treasure of heaven!

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**2 Peter 3:8-15a**  
**St. Mark 1:1-8**

### **Sermon**

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**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 290 The race that long in darkness pined**

1 The race that long in darkness pined  
Has seen a glorious light:  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.

2 To us a child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is given;  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
Him all the hosts of heaven.

3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
For evermore adored,  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
The great and mighty Lord.

4 His power increasing still shall spread,  
His reign no end shall know;  
Justice shall guard his throne above,  
And peace abound below.

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### **Benediction**

**Choral Amen (3-fold)**