

Sunday 6th. December, 2020
The Second Sunday in Advent
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Scripture Sentence

Welcome & Intimations

Introit - *'Christmas is coming!'*,

Call to Worship

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.**

Scripture: St. Mark 1:1-8

Hymn 284

Hope is a candle once lit by the prophets
Never consumed though it burns through the years
Dim in the daylight of power and privilege
When they are gone hope will shine on

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway
Threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed
Friend feel no envy for those in the shadows
Violence and force their dead end course

Love is a candle whose light makes a circle
Where every face is the face of a friend
Widen the circle by sharing and giving
God's Holy dare love everywhere

Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter
Mystery of light that is born in the dark
Laughter at hearing the voice of an angel
Ever so near casting out fear

Christ is the light that the prophets awaited
Christ is the lion the lamb and the child
Christ is the love and the mystery and laughter
Candles make way Christ is the day

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Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession and 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 736

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia!

3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Alleluia!

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold.)