



Sunday 6th December 2026
The Second Sunday of Advent

People of God: awake!
God above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: be glad!
God the mighty God
bends down in love to earth.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: return!
We are God's children,
we seek the coming of Christ.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: prepare!
God with us
comes soon to the world he has made.
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus

People of God: shout and sing!
Love is on the way!
Come Lord Jesus.

A&M 46 | HOAN 401

**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.**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**



Together we say

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew, his
word is sure, his promise true.**

Today we relight the candle of Hope, remembering God's enduring promise. Now, we light the candle of Peace. From the isles of the southern seas comes the Advent call: Christ is coming. His peace does not leave things as they are, but calls us into the transforming love of God.

God of peace, unsettle our hearts
where we need to change.

**Guide us as peacemakers
in our lives and in the world.**

*We light the first and second candles
and in the silence,
we seek God's restoration.*



**Heavenly Father, you call us to repent
of our sins: soften our proud and
stubborn hearts. Lord Jesus, you
declared the forgiveness of God:
teach us to forgive one another. Holy
Spirit, you search our hearts and
show us the truth: direct us in your
way of righteousness.**

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We sing a song of response

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
In the Lord I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near**

May the God of all healing and
forgiveness draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold
the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week's collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you O Lord

Mark 1:1-8

*John the Baptist appears in the wilderness calling people to repentance
and preparing the way for the one who is coming after him.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Tune Forest Green

Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes to set us free,
And raises up new hope for us,
A Branch from David's tree.
So long He promised, from of old,
Salvation from our foes;
The mercy shown to Abraham,
His cov'nant love bestows.

And you, the child of prophecy,
Shall bring the Lord's own grace,
To lead His people into peace,
And see God's tender face.
By tender mercy from on high,
The rising sun shall shine,
To drive the dark of death away,
And lead us into light.



The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

*The prophet announces comfort for God's people in exile and proclaims the coming of
the Lord like a shepherd who gathers and carries the flock.*

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Prepare ye the way of the Lord!



**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew, his
word is sure, his promise true.

TODAY'S PRAYERS

God of promise, make all things new:
your word is sure, your promise true.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
who has come to his people and set them free.

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Tune Wellerman Sea Shanty

**There once was
a man from Galilee
and he spoke
of a wondrous mystery:
a kingdom of equality,
a kingdom built on love**

***Soon may the kingdom come
And be revealed to everyone!
Soon may Your will be done
On Earth as 'tis above***

**Well he loved the poor
and he healed disease
but word soon came
to the Pharisees.
They wouldn't accept,
no they couldn't agree
that this was the Reign of God**

***Soon may the kingdom come
And be revealed to everyone!
Soon may Your will be done
On Earth as 'tis above***

He called the teachers
 and he called the scribes
 “whitewashed tombs
 full of death inside”.
 They wouldn’t accept,
 no they couldn’t abide
 that this was the Word of God.

*Soon may the kingdom come
 And be revealed to everyone!
 Soon may Your will be done
 On Earth as ‘tis above*

So they tied him up
 and they beat his back.
 They thought that the kingdom
 could be attacked.
 But they did not know
 that with every whack
 it was closer than before.

*Soon may the kingdom come
 And be revealed to everyone!
 Soon may Your will be done
 On Earth as ‘tis above*

Pilate said
 "Still there is no crime"
 But the priests and the people
 cried “Crucify!”
 So they hung him up
 on a cross to die
 and the Lamb of God was slain.

*Soon may the kingdom come
 And be revealed to everyone!
 Soon may Your will be done
 On Earth as ‘tis above*

**They rolled the stone
and they blocked the door;
they thought the kingdom would
be no more,
until the Lion of Judah roared!
And he rose up from the grave!**

***Soon may the kingdom come
And be revealed to everyone!
Soon may Your will be done
On Earth as 'tis above***

**Now the kingdom's here
and the kingdom's free.
It's an open secret,
it's a mystery.
It's for everyone
who has eyes to see
His victory of love.**

***Soon may the kingdom come
And be revealed to everyone!
Soon may Your will be done
On Earth as 'tis above***

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus
With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus
Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring
we shall remember Jesus

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his
friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he
broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his body is the bread of life**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he
gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in
remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his blood is shed for all**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising
in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and
this wine may be to us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord**

With your whole Church throughout
the world we offer you this sacrifice
of praise and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

EITHER

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
 Lord of power, Lord of might.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
 Sing hosanna evermore.
 Blest and holy, blest and holy
 he who comes from God on high.
 Raise your voices, sing his glory,
 praise his name for evermore.**

OR

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth
 are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest**

The Lord's Prayer is used and the bread is broken

**We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ
 Though we are many
 we are one body
 because we all share
 in one bread**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin
 of the world: have mercy on us
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin
 of the world: have mercy on us
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin
 of the world: grant us peace**

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**This is Christ's table.
 He welcomes all. Come and be fed.
 Voices old and new,
 Lives young and old.
 This is who we are.
 This is who we are becoming.
 Amen! Together we come!**

**Meekness and majesty,
 manhood and deity,
 in perfect harmony,
 the man who is God.
 Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
 kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

*O, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.*

**Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice;
and as they crucify prays:
'Father forgive'.**

*O, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.*

**Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible;
love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.**

*O, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
Bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.*

Father of all who wait this Advent, we thank you
for meeting us at your table and feeding us with
the mystery of your love. Here you strengthen us
to wait with courage that endures confusion,
with peace that changes what it touches,
with joy that startles the heart awake,
and with faithfulness that holds fast in the dark,
until we see your glory made fragile
in Bethlehem's manger once more.

Amen.

Almighty God,
 who in Jesus Christ has given us
 a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
 forgive us our sins,
 open our eyes to God's truth,
 strengthen us to do God's will
 and give us the joy of his kingdom,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices are shared

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Hills of the North, rejoice,
 river and mountain-spring,
 hark to the advent voice;
 valley and lowland, sing.
 Christ comes in righteousness and love,
 he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
 sing to the listening earth,
 carry on every breeze
 hope of a world's new birth:
 In Christ shall all be made anew,
 his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
 he is your brightest morn,
 greet him with joyous eyes,
 praise shall his path adorn:
 Your seers have longed to know their Lord;
 to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
 lands of the setting sun,
 welcome the heavenly guest
 in whom the dawn has come:
 He brings a never-ending light
 who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

**Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.**

Blessing and Farewell

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to await the coming of the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen!

