

# Liturgy Alive of Second Sunday of Advent (B)

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## Preparation

*The Family assigned to light the ADVENT CANDLE  
assembles in the front seat.  
The Cantor sings / says the Verse  
The Choir leads the Assembly in singing / saying the Response  
When the Ministers are ready to begin the Procession  
the CM says: Please STAND.*

C The Spirit and the Church cry out:  
All Come, Lord Jesus!

C All those who await his appearance pray:  
All Come, Lord Jesus!

C The whole creation pleads:  
All Come, Lord Jesus!  
[pause]

CM As we await Christ's coming let us sing our Gathering Song:

*The Ministers begin the procession  
Presider kisses the altar and stands near the Wreath.  
Sanctuary Assistants with Clear Book and Microphone are in attendance.*

*Other Ministers proceed to usual places.*

## Sign of the Cross

## Greeting

Praised be Jesus our Lord  
whose coming is announced by John the Baptist!  
May you prepare for Jesus a straight path,  
and may his peace and love be with you.

*And also with you.*

## LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

*Assigned family ascends the steps and lights the 1st and 2nd candle on ADVENT WREATH.*

*While they do this the Presider says slowly at the appropriate time:*

P: As we light the Advent wreath,  
let us pray that God's power may prepare  
our hearts and our world  
for the advent of the kingdom,  
the dawning of God's day of righteousness and peace.

*The family members now return to their seat.  
The Presider may proceed to the Chair*

*or stay beside the wreath until the Liturgy of the Word.*

## Introduction and Litany of Praise

### *Option A*

In today's liturgy we hear again the lonely voice  
of John the Baptist urging us to prepare a way  
for the Lord. Let us create a space in our minds  
and hearts so that the Lord can come  
to us in this Eucharist. [pause]

John began his mission with a call to repentance.  
Jesus repeats his call to us today. [pause]

You sent John the Baptist as a herald to announce your coming:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You tell us to show by our actions that we are indeed repentant:  
Christ, have mercy:

**Christ, have mercy.**

You send your Holy Spirit to change our hearts and give us life:

Lord, have mercy:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Option B*

Today the voice of John the Baptizer  
comes to us out of the wilderness  
calling us to a change of heart to prepare  
for the one who is to come.  
In joyful expectation, let us call out to the Christ,  
who is our salvation. *[pause]*

You came as herald of the good tidings of God's mercy.  
Lord, come and save us.

**Lord, come and save us.**

You come to baptize in the Holy Spirit a people to be your own:  
Christ, come and save us:

**Christ, come and save us:**

You will come to establish a 'new heavens and a new earth'  
where righteousness will be at home:  
Lord, come and save us.

**Lord, come and save us.**

**Opening Prayer**

*Option A*

With tender comfort and transforming power  
you come into our midst,  
O God of mercy and might,  
Make ready a way in the wilderness,  
clear a straight path in our hearts,  
and form us into a repentant people,  
that the advent of your Son  
may find us watchful and eager for the glory he reveals.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near:  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Option B*

O God of all consolation,  
to us who journey as pilgrims through time  
you have promised new heavens and a new earth.  
Open our eyes to the One who comes into our midst,  
that by lives of holiness and service  
we may hasten the coming of that day  
and be found at peace when at last it dawns.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who was, who is and who is to come,  
your Son who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

God for ever and ever. Amen.

P Let us entrust ourselves and our concerns to the God of all consolation,  
who feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms.

With confidence we pray:

CM **Come, Lord Jesus, come.** *(Please repeat)*

1. That those who minister to the flock  
of Christ may seek out the lost,  
bandage the wounded, and make the weak strong.  
We pray:

2. That political leaders and inspired people in  
our communities may strive to level the mountains  
of injustice and fill the valleys of poverty,  
and so bring about a just society.  
We pray:

3. That in the Church and in the world there may  
be prophets to give a voice to the voiceless,  
and hope to the hopeless.

We pray:

4. For all peoples committed to building up  
of the new heavens and the new earth;  
that we will always hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

We pray:

5. That the leaders of nations may listen  
to the voice of the Spirit at work in the world  
and look for ways and means to find solutions  
to terrorism and war.

We pray:

[The Presider may add a Petition that is local / relevant]

P Almighty God,  
stir up our hearts to prepare the way of your beloved Son,  
so that when he comes we may be found watching and waiting.

This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Grant, O Lord,  
that the gifts we present  
may be pleasing in your eyes.  
Make us watchful and faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may find us active in his service  
and joyful in his praise.

We ask this in the name of the same Christ our Lord. AMEN

#### Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

Option A  
God does not delay his promise.  
With trust we pray to him the prayer of Jesus our Lord:

*Our Father ...*

Option B  
Our time of slavery is ended; God has come to save us.

We need have no fear then, if we claim God as Our Father:

*Our Father ...*

**Deliver us Lord**

Deliver us Lord, from every evil  
and give us dedicated men and women  
to work for that peace  
which is the sign of the presence of your Son on earth.  
Turn our hearts to you and free us from sin,  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming among us

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Prayer for Peace**

Through Isaiah, the Lord says:

"Comfort, O comfort my people.  
Do not fear.  
Here is your God!"  
Inspired by these words, Lord Jesus,  
we look forward to the time  
when there will be peace and unity in your kingdom

where you live for ever and ever.

**Exchange of Peace**

The Baptizer pointed the way to Christ.

Let us acknowledge Christ in each other as we offer a sign of peace.

**Optional Prayer to accompany the 'Breaking of Bread'**

P Now let us break the bread of life  
remembering the words of Jesus:  
"See, I am coming soon." (Rev.27:7)  
And let us answer:

A "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!" (1 Cor. 16:22)w.

**Invitation to Communion**

This is Jesus, the Lamb of God.  
It is he who is coming to save us.

Blessed are we who have been invited to his banquet:

*Lord, I am not worthy...*

**Prayer after Communion**

Lord, God of hope,  
in this Eucharist we have again celebrated  
the coming of your Son in our midst.  
Let this brief encounter with him  
refresh and restore us  
that we may become humble road-signs  
to a justice, a peace, a dignity and joy  
that far surpasses our powers.

At this we ask through Christ our Lord. AMEN

**Blessing**

May the God of consolation open our hearts to welcome him. AMEN.

May God remove all that hinders us from receiving him with joy. *AMEN.*

May we hasten the coming of the day of God. *AMEN.*

And may God bless you,

+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *AMEN.*

**Dismissal**

*Option A*

All through the coming week  
let us do our part in preparing the way for the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Option B*

Go forth in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*