



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

29th November 2020



GATHERING PRAYER

Lord of all,
we welcome you into our home and into our heart.
We come to worship you in the conviction that wherever we are,
you are here with us now, uniting us in your Spirit :

as we come to you

so come to us, we pray.

You revealed yourself to your people down the ages,
Lord, reveal yourself to us :

as we come to you

so come to us, we pray.

A humble manger received your humanity :
prepare the poverty of our hearts to receive you
this Advent, this day and always.

As we come to you

O come Emmanuel to us, we pray.

Amen

We Light the First Advent Candle

Lord Jesus,
you are the Light of the world that no darkness can extinguish.

We light this candle as a sign of hope.
The hope we live because of your birth.
The hope we live because of your return in glory.

Come, Lord Jesus

Amen



WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord God,
as we enter this season of Advent,
with its call to self-examination and repentance,
shine your light into the dark places of our hearts and
reveal that which keeps us from you and each other.

We confess our readiness to take
but our unwillingness to give.

We confess our readiness to accept your forgiveness,
but our refusal to forgive.

We confess our desire to be loved,
but our reluctance to love as you love.

Forgive us our failure to respond as we should.

Come to us anew.

Renew us now through your Spirit.
Restore us through the love of Christ.

Remake us in your likeness.

Assure us of your forgiveness
and send us out to live and work for your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13 : 24-37

REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER



Almighty God,
May the wonder of your coming as a helpless baby
and the promise of your return in power and glory
empower our service and keep us watchful.
Until we see you face to face,
teach us to live as you lived,
give as you give and
love as you love us,
so that on that glorious day, when heaven and earth meet in the perfection of
your love, we may be found worthy to stand before you.
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Amen

BLESSING

May the Lord when he comes,
find us watching, waiting and ready to receive him.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and those you love today and always.
Amen

