

Concluding prayers

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God
perfect in us the image of his
glory and gladden our hearts
with the good news of his
kingdom;

and the blessing ...



Advent 3: Morning Worship - 13/12/20

Welcome and call to worship

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
people,
and kindle in us the fire of
your love;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**

The grace and peace of our
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of third Advent candle

Introduction

Our third Advent candle
reminds us of John the Baptist
who prepared the way of the
Lord and heralded the coming
of Jesus. *(The first, second
and third candles are lit.)*

Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5, 9b

Prayer

God our Father, your servants
Zechariah and Elizabeth
rejoiced at the birth of their
son, John. He prepared
people for the way of the Lord
and baptised them in the river
Jordan to wash away their
sins.

Help us, who have been
baptised in Christ, to welcome
him joyfully into our hearts and
to grow strong in faith. We ask
this through Jesus Christ, who
brought joy to the world.

*Hymn: There's a light upon
the mountains*

Confession and Absolution

The sun of righteousness has
dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of
Christ,
confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

*We keep silence to recall our
need for God's forgiveness.*

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I
sinned
and done what is evil in your
sight.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O
God,
and renew a steadfast spirit
within me.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Amen.

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

The Collect of the Day

God for whom we watch and
wait,
you sent John the Baptist to
prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the
truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of
right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings and Sermon

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*After the readings we use
these words:*

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon - Chris Scruby

A time of reflection

The Creed

We say together in faith:
**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to
come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were
created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and
language,
from every people and
nation.**

We believe in God the Holy
Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say,
'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

The Intercessions

*Prayers of Intercession are
followed by the Lord's Prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

*Hymn: O come, o come
Immanuel*