

A Service of the Word

The Second Sunday of Advent - Dec. 6, 2020

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray. We thank you, O God that you have brought us here on this day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your presence in in this season of Advent and your purpose for us in the year to come: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship Almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: **Most 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; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with thankful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A Collect for Advent

All: God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love and our minds search for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Lord and strengthen us to grow in love, that at the dawn of his coming, we may rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. This we ask In the name of Jesus the Holy One. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

The Psalm: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (said together)

The Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

The Sermon: "Listening to the voice that calls us"

Song: "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

The Prayers of the People: Officiant: Lord in
your mercy... **All: Hear our Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us, and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Doxology: Glory to God.....

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"