

Order of Worship for use at Home **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th 2020**

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Opening Words / Call to Worship

A voice cries in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s way clear.
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and
pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven,
for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace,
that the good news of this age may be proclaimed
through your word, which stands forever. Amen.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#) • [Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13](#) • [2 Peter 3:8-15a](#) • [Mark 1:1-8](#)

Sermon exercise for reflection: What can you do to “prepare the way”? Is there somebody who’s having a rough time that you could make things a little easier or smoother for them?

Prayers of the People: use Jane’s prayer chain letter, or pray for your needs, the needs of our community and the world. Say thank you to God for the blessings received this week and give praise for what God has done for us.

Conclude your time of prayer with Lord’s Prayer (Spanish) Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga a nosotros tu reino, Hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.

No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

Offering: Give a gift or donation to help make peace in somebody's life- it can be a gift of time, encouragement or resources

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Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

Benediction

The day of the Lord is coming; therefore strive to live in peace, for God's salvation is near.

May faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from heaven as you walk in the way of peace, and may the blessing of God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, and Holy Comforter, be with you now and always.

Morning Prayer for use during the week:

Lord, how I love this season of new beginnings, the opportunity to turn toward you and start again. Empower me to be a messenger of good news, and a leveling influence along the way, as I seek to be one with you in smoothing out the rough places I encounter. Amen.

Evening Prayer for use during the week:

Lord, you have comforted me throughout this day and rescued me from my exile. Where I have flourished, I give you thanks; where I have erred, I ask your forgiveness. Protect me through the night that I may rest in your realm of peace where righteousness makes a home. Amen.