

Christmas Day

Christ Jesus,
as we celebrate your birth in
a stable
we remember all those among us
who are left out, who live in
poverty,
who are homeless
and who long to go home.
Make room in our hearts
for our sisters and brothers,
so that we may reach out to
them in love.

"She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn."

Amen.

Luke 2:7

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Fourth Sunday Advent

God-with-us,
you made your home among us,
loved by your mother Mary,
and bringing her joy.
As we prepare to celebrate
your birth,
be with us now,
especially with those
who are seeking refuge.
Comfort us all and bring us joy.
Amen.

"Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28



Third Sunday Advent

God of all,
John the Baptist
came to bear witness to
your light.
Fill us with faith
and the courage
to act upon it,
so that we may shine a light
in the darkness
and share the love
we have found in you.
Amen.

"He came as a witness, to bear witness to the light."

John 1:7



Second Sunday Advent

Merciful God,
You sent John the Baptist
to preach repentance.
Forgive us for the times
when we have done wrong,
when we have hurt
other people
and damaged our earth.
Lead us to make a change,
to live differently,
preparing a way
and making your paths straight.
Amen.

"John the Baptist was in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance."

Mark 1:4

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First Sunday Advent

Eternal God,
you will come
when we do not expect you.
Help us to welcome you now
in one another,
to reach out
to our sisters and brothers
in need of care and support.
And in this way
may we be found ready,
when you come again in glory.
Amen.

"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come."

Mark 13:33

