

Advent Sunday morning prayer Online 29/11/2020.

**Welcome - Back in Church next Sunday – Advent Sunday
– OOS**

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

(The First Candle is Lit)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Hymn – All my days.

Confession

All Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader says

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ promises to pardon and forgive all who truly repent and sincerely believe his holy gospel. May God grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, so that forgiven and cleansed from our sins, our lives may be holy, shielded by God's power until Christ comes. Amen.

Bible reading – Mark Ch13:1-37

Song – Because of you.

Sermon – Tony

Hymn – There is a hope.

The Apostle's Creed

All - We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen. *Universal.

Closing prayer/Blessing.

Remember, Father, your church bought by the blood of your Son, and gather it in holiness into the kingdom you have prepared for it. Direct us by your Spirit in all our ways. Stir us to live lives to your glory. Make us faithful witnesses to Jesus and His resurrection, eager for the joy of His coming, and made worthy to worship you with all your saints forever.

Amen

Hymn – 10,000 Reasons.