

READINGS & PRAYERS

December 7th- December 13th, 2020

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This week continues the season of Advent. Advent is about *anticipation* or *waiting*. We imagine ourselves as the people of Israel, hoping and longing for the coming Messiah. In Advent we also remember that Jesus' Kingdom is not yet fully come, so we also anticipate Christ's coming again to restore all things, making all things new.

Monday Psalm 90 | Isaiah 5.8-17 | 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 | Luke 21.20-28

Lord, free us from our sins and make us whole. Hear our prayer, and prepare us to celebrate the incarnation of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday Psalm 91 | Isaiah 5.18-25 | 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 | Luke 21.29-38

Almighty God, help us to look forward to the glory of the birth of Christ our savior: his coming is proclaimed joyfully to the ends of the earth.

Wednesday Psalm 92 | Isaiah 6.1-13 | 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12 | John 7.53 - 8.11

All-powerful Father, we await the healing power of Christ your Son. Let us not be discouraged by our weaknesses as we prepare for his coming. Keep us steadfast in your love.

Thursday Psalm 93 | Isaiah 7.1-9 | 2 Thessalonians 2.1-12 | Luke 22.1-13

Almighty Father, give us the joy of your love to prepare the way for Christ our Lord. Help us to serve you and one another.

Friday Psalm 94 | Isaiah 7.10-25 | 2 Thessalonians 2.13-3.5 | Luke 22.14-30

All-powerful God, help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Savior. May we live as he has taught, ready to welcome him with burning love and faith.

Saturday Psalm 95 | Isaiah 8.1-15 | 2 Thessalonians 3.6-18 | Luke 22.31-38

Lord, let your glory dawn to take away our darkness. May we be revealed as the children of light at the coming of your Son.

Third Sunday of Advent Psalm 96 | Isaiah 13.1-13 | Hebrews 12.18-29 | John 3.22-30

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

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Q14: Did God create us unable to keep his law?

A: **No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.**