

READINGS & PRAYERS

December 14th- December 20th, 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 97 | Isaiah 8.16-9.1 | 2 Peter 1.1-11 | Luke 22.39-53

Lord, hear our voices raised in prayer. Let the light of the coming of your Son free us from the darkness of sin.

Tuesday Psalm 98 | Isaiah 9.2-7 | 2 Peter 1.12-21 | Luke 22.54-69

Father of love, you made a new creation through Jesus Christ your Son. May his coming free us from sin and renew his life within us.

Wednesday Psalm 99 | Isaiah 9.8-17 | 2 Peter 2.1-10a | Mark 1.1-8

Father, may the coming celebration of the birth of your Son bring us your saving help and prepare us for eternal life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Thursday Psalm 100 | Isaiah 9.18-10.4 | 2 Peter 2.10b-16 | Matthew 3.1-12

Lord, our sins bring us unhappiness. Hear our prayer for courage and strength. May the coming of your Son bring us the joy of salvation.

Friday Psalm 101 | Isaiah 10.5-19 | 2 Peter 2.17-22 | Matthew 11.2-15

All-powerful Father, guide us with your love as we await the coming of your Son. Keep us faithful that we may be helped through life and brought to salvation.

Saturday Psalm 102 | Isaiah 10.20-27 | Jude 17-25 | Luke 3.1-9

Father, creator and redeemer of mankind, you decreed, and your Word became man, born of the Virgin Mary. May we come to share the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share our human nature.

Sunday Psalm 103 | Isaiah 11.1-9 | Ephesians 6.10-20 | John 3.16-21

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection.

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Q15: Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

A: **That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior.** The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.