

....The Lord's Prayer

Our Abba in heaven
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.

Receiving the elements

Prayer

Song: O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you,
O Israel.*

O come, O dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you,
O Israel.*

(TIS 265 9th Century or earlier)

Final Blessing

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Hope as collaboration with God

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Prayers of thanks and gratitude

Response: We praise you
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Song: Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God's holy name
bless the Lord my soul,
who leads me into life.

(TiS 706 Taize)

Lighting the first Advent candle

Song: He came down that we may have hope (X3)
Hallelujah for evermore.

(Cameroon traditional)

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Psalm 25.1-10
Luke 21.25-28

For these words of faith and Jesus the Word
Thanks be to God

Reflection

*"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, and self-control"* Galatians 5.22-26

Which of these gifts do you long for this Advent...?
How will you cultivate space for this gift to grow?
How will you share this gift with others?

... space for your thoughts ...

Prayer of letting go

Words of Assurance and declaration of forgiveness:

...Friends hear Christ's word of grace to each one of us:
Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Prayers for the earth

Response: May your kind kingdom come
May your loving will be done

Offering: *This supports the Richmond Churches Food Centre,
Boroondara Community Outreach and Uniting World.
Please place offerings on the plates after worship.*

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts
we lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
it is right to give our thanks and praise

Joining with the choirs of angels in the eternal hymn...

Sung response
Holy, **holy**, holy, **holy**
Holy Lord of power and might
Heaven, **heaven**, earth, **earth**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
All glory to your name

All glory to your name
Blessed, **blessed**, blessed, **blessed**
Is the One who comes in the name of the Lord (x2)
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

(TiS 764 Iona)