

05 DECEMBER 2021
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



Welcome & Greeting

The Angelus prayer from Archbishop Thabo

**God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

Today, on this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle in our Advent wreath, which is also purple and represents peace. This candle represents the angels, becoming a symbol of peace. "Peace on earth to all on whom the Lord's favour rests", the angels proclaimed! (**Peace/Preparation Candle**)

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Lord Jesus Christ, we light this candle in preparation of your coming and in anticipation of your peace. We believe that one day your peace will fill our world. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his name, now and for ever

Collect for Purity (APB p105)

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord**

Penitence (APB p106)

Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all creation).

(Silence may be kept)

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation: make us ready for the message that prepares the way so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Parish Prayer

Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's to be your church in our city. Help us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you, through serving this parish and the community, to travel and grow in faith together, to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (replaces the psalm)

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

***Hymn/Song:* MP 538 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and listen for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come.

For You are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without Your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out Your hand,
make wholeness flow at Your command;
sin's devastation now restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

To Him who left the throne of heaven
to save mankind, all praise be given;

To God the Father voices raise,
and Holy Spirit let us praise.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (APB p108)

**We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church - Form A (APB p 109)

The Peace (APB p 115)

“By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
(Luke 1:78-79)

May the peace and light of Lord be always with you.
Peace be with you.

The Presentation of Gifts (Your Home-Made Collection Boxes.)

Our Father and Eternal God, bless us as we bring these tithes and offerings to you and use them for your plans and redemptive purposes in the world. We pray this in Jesus name, to him, with you and the Holy Spirit, one blessed God. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (Auld Lang Syne)	Said
Our Father who art in heaven,	As we forgive each one of those
Hallowed be thy name.	Who sin against us:
Thy Kingdom come,	And lead us not to the time of trial
Thy will be done	But deliver us from evil
On earth as in heav'n.	For thine is the kingdom
Give us this day our daily bread	The power and the glory.
And forgive us our sins	

Let all the people say "a-men" in every tribe and tongue;
Let ev'ry heart's desire be joined to see
The kingdom come.
Let every hope and every dream be born in love again:
Let all the world sing with one voice;
Let the people say,
"Amen."

Prayer of preparation:

***Almighty and everlasting God
we approach the sacrament of your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ;
as sick, we come to the physician of life;
as unclean, to the fountain of mercy;
as blind, to the light of eternal splendour;
as needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth;
as naked, to the King of glory. Amen***

Spiritual Communion prayer (APB p 516)

One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to them in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.

***Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.***

*Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.*

Conclusion (APB p 129)

Give thanks to God for God is gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

**Father almighty
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out into the world
in the power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.**

Prayer for Africa

**God, bless Africa
protect our children
transform our leaders
heal our communities
restore our dignity
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

Blessing

May we prepare the way for Jesus, open our hearts to him, remove all obstacles in the way and get ready for his return; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and all whom you love and pray for today and always. Amen
(Adapted from Word and Worship)

Dismissal (APB 129)

To a troubled world
come, Lord Jesus

To a searching world
come, Lord Jesus

To a waiting world
come, Lord Jesus

Go therefore in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

(Word and Worship)