

Morning Prayer

15th November 2020

The Second Sunday Before Advent

“Anchoring Hope”

Call to Worship

You call us,
into the uncharted waters of faith
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You
into the unpredictable footsteps of the Kingdom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighbourhoods we usually avoid.

As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
and constantly uncertain lives,
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.
All found in the Lord Jesus Christ AMEN

**All -We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God’s holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.**

LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Confession

Father God, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life.
I am sorry that I hurt others and myself.
Please forgive me for all that I do wrong.
Thank you that Jesus came to rescue me from the mess I get myself into.
Thank you that he took the punishment I deserve.
I want to follow Jesus, please refill me with your Holy Spirit
and help me to live for you. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading – Hebrews 6 (10-20)

Talk

Prayers

The Collect for the Second Sunday Before Advent

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

forever and ever. AMEN.

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

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*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
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Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

He is Lord
Lord of all, Christ alone

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all x2*

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne

The Final Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Grace

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.