

**The Second Week of Advent  
Jesus, the Joy that Dwells Between Us**

**+ GATHERING +**

**OPENING DIALOGUE**

P: O King of Glory,

**C: We make our hearts ready for you to come in.**

P: Through the doors of our heart, though they are made of only the simplest wood,

**C: O King of Glory, we make our hearts ready for you to come in.**

P: We open these doors now, fully and completely, with all of our will and all of our strength. With all of our uncertainty and all of our weakness we pray,

**C: come dwell among us and be our peace today.**

**GREETING**

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare a pathway for your Christ. By his coming speak peace to your people and turn our hearts toward you, that your saving grace and splendid glory may dwell in all the earth; through Jesus Christ, whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

**SILENCE**

*A brief or extended period of silence is held.*

+ WORD +

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*After two candles are lit, the presider prays:*

P: Let us pray. God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us. God of hope, who is our refuge and strength, be the center, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.

**C: Amen.**

PSALM 61 (spoken responsively, lector/**congregation**)

<sup>1</sup>Hear my | cry, O God,  
and listen | to my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**From the end of the earth I call upon you as my | heart grows faint;  
set me upon the rock that is high- | er than I.**

<sup>3</sup>For you have | been my refuge,  
a strong tower a- | gainst the enemy.

<sup>4</sup>**I will dwell in your | house forever;  
I will take refuge under the cover | of your wings.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have | heard my vows;  
you have granted me the heritage of those who | fear your name.

<sup>6</sup>**Add length of days to the life | of the king ;  
let his years extend over many | generations.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the king sit enthroned before | God forever;  
bid love and faithfulness watch | over him.

<sup>8</sup>**So will I always sing the praise | of your name,  
and day by day I will ful- | fill my vows.**

READING

Revelation 3:14-22

REFLECTION

“In Search of the Soul”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

+ PRAYER +

INVITATION TO PRAYER

P: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

*During this time of prayer, those assembled are invited to visit one or a few prayer stations. The stations are not sequential. To call all to return to their places, we will sing the following hymn five times.*

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Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the treble staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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## CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. In your mercy receive our prayers, and by your power hasten the day when peace and justice kiss and steadfast love and faithfulness meet for the sake of the world you love.

**C: Amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete.*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today 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.**

**+ SENDING +**

## SILENCE

*A brief or extended period of silence is held.*

## BLESSING

*A blessing from Circle of Grace by Jan Richardson is shared, and all respond:*

**C: Amen.**

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