

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

The voice of God cries out in the wilderness, calling us to a transformed way of living. Let us respond to this invitation through the offering of our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

+ Come with your promise to bring a new heaven and a new earth to your people, now ravaged by this pandemic, and offer to us the solemn gifts of hope and salvation; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come with your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your people, that we may turn from our selfish ways, and our carelessness with the gifts of creation, and respond with mercy and compassion to the needs of the poor and the suffering, for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come into the body of the Church, that multitudes may hear your message of repentance and hope, and receive your free gift of eternal love; remembering especially Suheil, Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Geoffrey, our Priest, and all members of this congregation; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come with your Holy Spirit, into the hearts of those who are furloughed, unemployed in the midst of this pandemic, and those who are now essential workers, and those who live in fear and anxiety of contagion, and awaken hope in your people; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come to the bedside of the more than 92,000 Americans in hospital now with the corona virus with your grace, remembering also those who have commended themselves to our prayers, Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Heather, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemina White, Kathy Coe, Laura Whipple, Eileen Hearn, Connie Kaylor, Jay Lafleur in hospice care, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come into the hearts and minds of our leaders, especially Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Donald our President, Joe, our President-elect, Ned

our Governor, James, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, our Congress and our Courts, and bring us that peace that passes all understanding; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come to those whom we love but see no more, especially the souls of the more than 2,000 Americans dying each day now from this virus, and also our beloved ones who have passed on before us, and the benefactors of this parish, and gather them all into your heavenly rest; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come, Lord Jesus, and help us to be a prophetic people who honor your commandments and who live by your law of steadfast love, as we continue our prayers and petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.