

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father:

Concluding Prayer

God of all Creation, thank you for the great gift of your Son, Jesus. Let us always try to live according to his example. May the learning we will gain and faith we share here together help us not only for today but through all the year. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen



“Preparing our Minds and our Hearts”

Dec.4, 2009

Opening Prayer/Liturgy

Opening Song

“O Come All ye Faithful”

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, as we prepare our hearts and our minds during this Advent period for this day of learning ahead, we ask you for your grace and wisdom to bless and guide us. Lead us into the kind of day where we not only gain the richness of understanding but the blessing of growing closer to you and one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1, 3-5 (Reader #1)

In those days a decree went out for the Emperor Augustus that the world should be registered. All went to their towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended for the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Response: We praise you and we bless you Lord

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 6-7 (Reader #2)

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for him in the inn.

Response: We praise you and we bless you Lord

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-9 (Reader #3)

And in that region there were shepherds, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Response: We praise you and we bless you Lord

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:10- 14 (Reader #4)

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid: for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger,” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all his people.

Response: We praise you and we bless you Lord

General Intercessions

- 1) For all those gathered here, that as we work together today God will not only bless us and our students but our families as well.

Response: We pray to the Lord

- 2) For our church and for our world, that during this Advent season peace will reign in our hearts and in our world.

Response: We pray to the Lord