

Second Sunday of Advent

Year B

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, saving us from the fires of sin and despair, and offering to us the solemn gifts of grace and salvation; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come into the hearts of your people, that we may turn from our selfish consumption of fossil fuels, our waste of food and clothing, our recklessness with money, and our carelessness with the gifts of creation; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come into the body of the Church and make us a baptizing community, that multitudes may hear your message of repentance and hope, and receive your free gift of eternal love; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come with your Holy Spirit, into the hearts of those who are unemployed, abused, poorly educated, and who are persecuted for their faith, and awaken hope; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come to young people everywhere, that they may have a desire to study your commandments and to exercise ministry in the world outside the Church; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come to N., our Presiding Bishop, to N., President of the United States, and to all who exercise offices of authority; may wisdom be their guide, and the true love of their people direct their decisions; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

+ Come to those whom we love but see no more, and gather them into your heavenly rest; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

(Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.