



1st Sunday in Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy

Leader: This is the first Sunday in Advent. During this Advent season, we remember the Lord Jesus first coming with joy and look forward to his second coming with longing and hope. One of his name's is "Emmanuel", which means, God with us".

All: *[Reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16]*

14 "The days are coming' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise that I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.'

Leader: "We light this candle as a symbol of expectation. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation. Thank God, through Jesus Christ, He is with us, now.

– *Lighting the first Advent Candle* –

Sung Response of the People:

"O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Prayer (All): "Gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we come humbly in the name of Jesus. Show us your mercy, forgive our sins and grant us new life. Let righteousness shower down from heaven and truth spring up from the earth. We prepare our hearts for you, O Lord, by repentance; by getting rid of the old bread of malice and wickedness, and making room for the new bread of sincerity and truth. With your help we will act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you. Come, Lord Jesus!