



A Savior Will Come

The Second Week Of Advent

Celebrant: Anticipation grows within us.

Community: *The day of Your incarnation is near.*

Celebrant: There is no heart in the world that is too far away for You to reach.

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Celebrant: There is no situation nor challenge that is outside the realm of Your concern and care.

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Celebrant: There is no power of this age, nor of the age to come, that can hold us in bondage.

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Celebrant: In this second week of Advent, we sing with the prophets.

Community: *That One will come who will wipe away every tear from our eyes.*

Celebrant: In this second week of Advent, we shout with the children.

Community: *Jesus, Lord, save and rescue us from the sting of death and the grip of sin.*

Celebrant: In this second week of Advent, we pray with believers around the world.

Community: *Saving Lord, intervene in this good world and restore all things to Your original purpose.*

ALL: Lord, we recognize that You are the God who draws near to Your creation. You are not far, not distant, not oblivious to our needs. Come, save us from our enemies within and without, rescue us from the idolatries of our age, and renew our voice to sing once again of Your saving power in our world.

We prepare our hearts in this Advent season by praying, listening, singing and responding to Your saving acts of love in history. With the ancients who awaited You, we say “Living Lord, come save us.”

Amen.

Readings For The Second Week Of Advent

(From The Book Of Common Prayer)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a, 18

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Psalms Reading

Psalms 85 or 85:7-13