



2nd Week in Advent

"The Word Was God"

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loving God, in you abides the womb of all life; show us your love and mercy.
Loving God, in you abides the womb of all life; show us your love and mercy.
Be with us in our waiting; **show us your love and mercy.**
Glory to you Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.
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PRAYER

O God of Tenderness, **you gather us into your arms as a shepherd gathers his lambs. Help us to share your gentleness with others. May we gather together the diverse peoples among us and prepare to make way for your coming. We ask this through your tender care and mercy for us, God without end. Amen.**

SONG

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-5, 10-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

THE PRAYERS

As we prepare for your coming among us; **free our hearts from selfish desires.** Your prophets announced the joy of your coming; **may our lives give witness to your presence among us.**
You come to us as a sign of reconciliation; **help all living in division and dissension to experience your forgiveness.**
You bring a promise of abundance to the deserts in our lives; **give hope to prisoners and to those who are imprisoned by their fears.**
You turn our sorrow into gladness; **help us to be a sign of healing within the brokenness around us.**
Teach us your law of love and mercy; **assist us in our efforts to give birth to your love.**
In confidence we pray: **Be merciful to us, O God!**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, WORDS OF INSTITUTION & COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, to welcome the stranger and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be present with Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

A Word about This Year's Advent Journey:

In the context of the Bible, the "power of the spoken word" refers to the significant spiritual force words possess, impacting both the speaker and the listener, and even affecting spiritual realities. Key scriptural themes include: God's creative power in his spoken Word, the incarnation of God in human flesh, and the gift of God's own breath empowering the words of ordinary people to make Christ known in time and space throughout the ages. As a people in Advent journeying toward the manger in Bethlehem, may we hear and receive our God anew!

