

**Week 10 Purple****ADVENT II**

A warning always to be ready for the return of Jesus.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

***Luke, Chapter 12, Verses 35 – 40***

Jesus said, “Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready when he returns! I tell you, he will take off his coat, ask them to sit down, and will wait on them. How happy they are if he finds them ready, even if he should come at midnight or even later! And you can be sure that if the owner of the house knew the time when the thief would come, he would not let the thief break into his house. And you, too, must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him”.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Heavenly Father,  
 we thank you for this season of Advent,  
 of waiting with excitement for Jesus' coming,  
 both as a child at Christmas,  
 and as our saviour and friend at the end of time.  
 Help us to prepare for his coming by drawing close to you,  
 by prayer and reading the bible,  
 and by saying sorry for the times we have been selfish and greedy.  
 Through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.

*(the Advent Prayer)*

Heavenly Father,  
 help us to live our lives ready for Jesus' return,  
 by always caring for others and for the world,  
 so that when he comes again he will find us  
 working hard for his kingdom of love and peace.  
 Through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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