



Our Lady of Peace

Third Week of Advent

Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus is the promised one

Advent Wreath

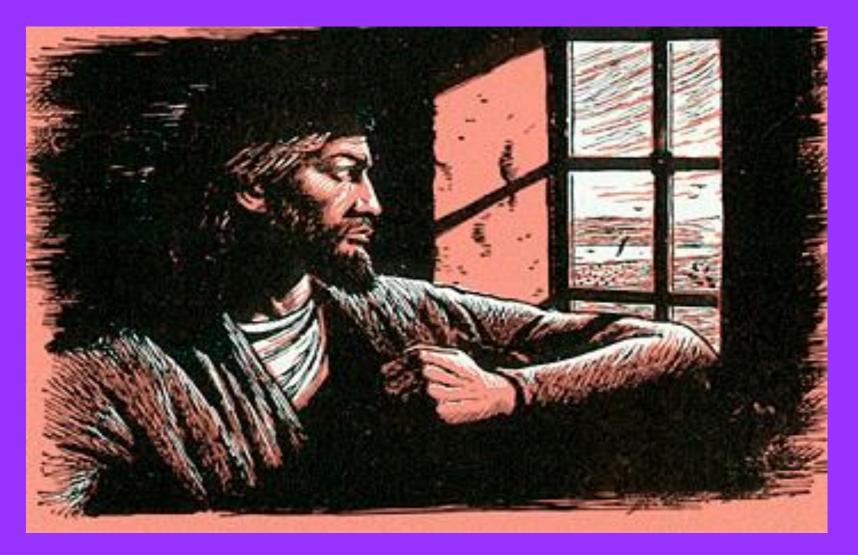
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Introduction

 King Herod had John the Baptist put in prison. Now John knew that Jesus was the "Promised One", sent by God, but some of His friends were still unsure. So, from behind his prison bars, John sent his followers to ask Jesus a very important question.

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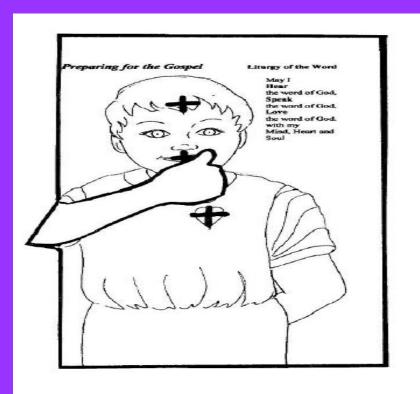
Twinkle, twinkle little star, Leading the wise men so far, Travelling both day and night, Guided by your light so bright, Like the shepherds and the kings, We have come your praise to sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3

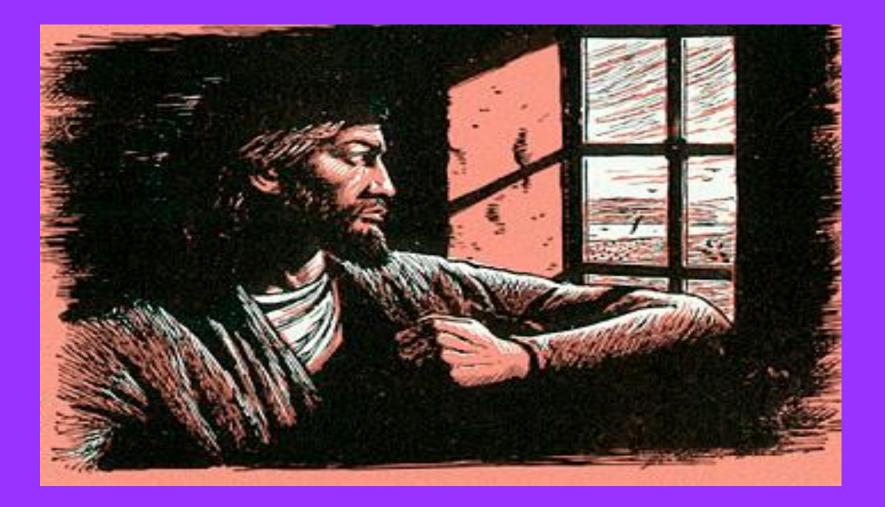
The Lord be with you Response: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



John the Baptist -Matthew 11:2-11



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While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard about the things that Jesus was doing, and sent some of his followers to find Jesus. "Tell us, are you the one sent by God, that John has told us about?" they asked.

Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind can see; the lame can walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, and the dead are brought back to life. The Good News is being shared so that everyone can believe in me." As John's friends hurried away to tell him what they had heard, Jesus said to the crowds, "God sent John to prepare for my coming. He is a truly great man and will be remembered for all time."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response; Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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- How many candles were lit on the Advent wreath today? Three.
- Today is called the third Sunday of Advent but in the past it was called "Gaudate Sunday".
- Can anyone remember what Gaudate means, and why our candle is pink today?
- Gaudate means "joy", and our candle is pink as a symbol of rejoicing as we await the birth of our Saviour and Lord.

As Christmas gets closer the light becomes brighter and the feeling of excitement is growing.

John the Baptist was excited to learn of the marvellous things that Jesus was doing. Why did he send his followers to Jesus? He sent his followers to find out if Jesus really was the promised one.

When they found Jesus , what did they see and hear?

They heard and saw many marvellous miracles which Jesus was performing, showing that He truly was the promised one of God.

How do you think they felt on seeing these miracles?

They were probably amazed to see all these things and were filled with joy as they realised that they had met God's chosen one.

The "light" of the world was already filling the lives of those he met with love, life and hope.

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Closing Prayer

- God our Father,
- As we look forward to Christmas
- The excitement is growing.

Just as the light of the Advent wreath grows brighter, we pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.

Amen

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