

Prayers of the People – First Sunday of Advent – 1C

Intercessor As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us lift our hands in prayer and raise our heads in hope to the Lord who is our righteousness, saying: *Come, O long expected Jesus.*

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop & Audrey bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that in the face of distress and anxiety, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

For this Parish Family, that we may be attentive to God's presence and action in our lives so that we may be ready to act when God invites. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

For all God's people, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

For all who live in fear and confusion, that whether rich or poor, unknown or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way to a fuller life. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

For all those in any anguish of body, mind and spirit, remembering especiallythat the disciples of Jesus may strengthen them with words of hope and deeds of love. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

For those who have died, remembering especially.....that they may be found blameless before God at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Come, O long expected Jesus.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, St. Nicholas of Myra and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our righteousness.***

Celebrant Holy and righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day and raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near: the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. Glory to you forever and ever. ***Amen.***