

G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 28, 19-27

There was a man sent by God – a man whose name was John.
He came as a witness to tell the world about the light
So that everyone would believe. John was not the light,
But only a witness to tell others about the light.

John was baptizing people near the Jordan River.

One day the Pharisees sent priests and Levites to ask John,

“Who are you?”

He told them very clearly,

“I am not the Messiah.”

Then they asked him,

“Are you a prophet?”

John said,

“No, I am not.”

Finally, they said to him,

“Tell us who you are, so we can give some answer to those
who sent us.

What do you say about yourself?”

John told them,

“I am the one the prophet Isaiah wrote about.

I am ‘the voice in the desert, proclaiming:

Make a straight path for our God!’”

Then they asked John,

“If you are not the Messiah and not the prophet,

Why do you baptize?”

John answered,

“I baptize with water. But the one I am telling you about is
with you now,

But you do not recognize him. I am not even worthy to untie
his sandal.”



Who do you think is the light they are
talking about?



Do you know what
happens at
Baptism? Have you
been baptized?

The Gospel of the Lord.

C H I L D R E N ' S
L I T U R G Y

L I G H T T H E A D V E N T C A N D L E

If you have an Advent wreath with candles at home, find some time to say the following Advent prayer.

Leader: We are now halfway through Advent and we rejoice even in our waiting. We give praise and thanks in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Light 2 purple candles and 1 pink candle)

Leader: Our third candle is pink to show our joy that we have made it this far on our journey and that God has been faithful to us.

Let us pray....

“Father, help us to be joyful as Christmas approaches. Help us be your joyful Presence to all those we meet.”

Amen.

A D V E N T P R O M I S E S

During Advent, we prepare ourselves for Jesus' birth. Today let's think of some ways we can make ourselves ready. Fill in the blanks with the correct words. There can be more than one right answer. Finally, try to do some of them this week!

THIS ADVENT, I WILL _____
MY TOYS.

SHARE
HIDE
DONATE

THIS ADVENT, I WILL _____
MY PARENTS.

HELP
COMFORT
FRANK

THIS ADVENT, I WILL _____
GOD.

PRAY TO
LOVE
WORSHIP