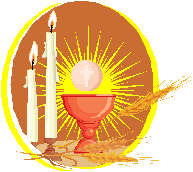
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in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

Keep us grateful each day

for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out

to share what we have received

with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church

that you are calling us to be:

a community that listens, that trusts,

that lives with courage

and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts

be a source of healing, of new life

and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

**Advent 2017**

***Christ has come******–******Christ is coming******–******Christ will come again***

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

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Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

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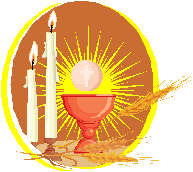
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