

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

All-powerful God, in the fullness of time, you spoke your Word who took on human flesh and saved us from our sins. Speak to us now in a living word, a word that touches our hearts and fills us with love. As we learn this evening about the Advent season and the gift that it is to us to prepare our hearts and lives for your coming, let us recall the words of St. Teresa of Avila.

“Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Open our hearts to your love and let us bring your love to the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son, the Living Word come down from heaven, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.