

UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR ADVENT SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2020

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

The Lord will come and not be slow

All: His footsteps cannot err.

Welcome to this Advent service on the first Sunday of the church's new year. We begin again to trace the cycle of Christ's coming among us, through the story of his birth, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension; and during Advent we also look forward to his second coming. It is traditional in Advent to light a candle each Sunday on an Advent wreath, to remind us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ – the patriarchs and prophets, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary – the final candle on Christmas Day being for the Christ child. So, if you have a candle handy, do light it. I will light this one now, and pray:

Prayer over the Advent Wreath

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world.

All: Amen

Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcllZpnZPgo&list=RDqcllZpnZPgo&start_radio=1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Refrain:

O come, Thou branch of Jesse, draw
The quarry from the lion's claw.
From the dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell thy people save. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Thou Day-spring bright
Pour on our souls thy healing light,
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom
And pierce the shadows of the tomb. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Thou David's key
The royal road make wide and free

Safeguard for us the heavenly road,
And bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

O come, O come, Adonai
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law. *Refrain*

Words: Latin Advent "O" antiphons, trans. J.M.Neale;

Tune "Veni Emmanuel", from a French Missal, adapted by Thomas Helmore

Prayers of penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, because in Christ's coming the day of our deliverance has dawned, and through him you will make all things new, as he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All: Amen

Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9 –"J" Claypoole

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn In a world where people walk in darkness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDTO6RgrZj0>

In a world where people walk in darkness, let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light revealed in Jesus, to the Day-star scattering our night.

*Refrain: For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.*

In a world where suffering of the helpless casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness, and proclaim the dawning of the day.
*For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.*

Let us light a candle in the darkness, in the face of death, a sign of life.
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless, as a sign of peace in place of strife.
*For the light is stronger than the darkness, and the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us, let us turn our faces to the light.*

Words: Robert Willis; Tune "Let us light a candle", Richard Shephard

Gospel Mark 13.24-37 - Robin Hungerford

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon - Revd. Clifford Stride

Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

All: For by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain,

All: For with his blood he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All: The Spirit and the Bride say “Come!” Even so, come, Lord Jesus

(cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.7, 20)

Intercessions – Richard Jackman

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father, as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us wave our peace to one another

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Hymn Hills of the north, rejoice <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufsfurSpPmM>

Hills of the north, rejoice;
river and mountain spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing;
though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
he judgment brings and victory.

2. Isles of the southern seas,
deep in your coral caves
pent be each warring breeze,
lulled be your restless waves:
he comes to reign with boundless sway,
and makes your wastes his great highway.

3. Lands of the East, awake,
soon shall your sons be free;
the sleep of ages break,
and rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
has dawned the everlasting day.

4. Shores of the utmost West,
ye that have waited long,
unvisited, unblessed,
break forth to swelling song;
high raise the note, that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

5. Shout, while ye journey home;
songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the North we come,
from East, and West, and South.
city of God, the bond are free,
we come to live and reign in thee!

Words: Charles E. Oakley

Tune: Little Cornard – Martin Shaw

Dismissal

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

All: Alleluia! Amen

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