



Welcome to worship!

10 December 2023, 10am

“Comfort for God’s people”

Welcome

Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

Carol (MP 589)

¹See him lying on a bed of straw,
A draughty stable with an open
door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore;
The Prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,
To see the Lord appear to men;
Just as poor as was the stable
then,
The Prince of glory when he came.*

²Star of silver, sweep across the
skies,
Show where Jesus in the manger
lies;
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor
rise
To see the Saviour of the world.

³Angels, sing the song that you
began,
Bring God’s glory to the heart of
man;
Sing that Bethl’em’s little baby can
Be salvation to the soul.

⁴Mine are riches, from your
poverty,
From your innocence, eternity;
Mine, forgiveness by your death for
me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.

(Michael Perry)

Confession

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

Collect – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prayer for Sonlight

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

Song (MP 493)

¹O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

²O come, O come, thou Lord of
might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

³O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people
save
And give them victory o'er the
grave.

⁴O come, thou Dayspring, come
and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night,
And death's dark shadows put to
flight.

⁵O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on
high,
And close the path to misery.

(Tr. John Mason Neale, altd.)

Thanksgiving for our offering

Affirmation of 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!
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices and family news

Final hymn MP (1045)

¹From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel!

²King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet his righteous steps give me hope again -
I will follow my Immanuel!

³Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free -
Death defeated by Immanuel!

⁴Now he's standing in the place of honour,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for his own beloved
Till his Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

(Stuart Townend)

Blessing

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