



## Service sheet for Sunday 3 December at 10am

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**'We are the work of your hand'**

### Welcome

Advent is the time when we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ- both for his first coming at Christmas and his return in glory.

'Behold, I am coming soon,' says the Lord.

'I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

'Come say the Spirit and the church;

'Surely I am coming soon!'

**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

### The lighting of the Advent candle

#### HYMN MP 75

**1 Christ is surely coming bringing his reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:  
Root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star:  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far!**

**2 See the holy city! There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:  
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give,  
come for living water, freely drink, and live;  
come for living water, freely drink, and live!**

**3 Grace be with God's people! Praise his holy name!  
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same.  
Hear the certain promise from the eternal home:  
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Christopher Idle/the Jubilate Group

**MP 431**

**1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
glorious first-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong Defender,  
lifting up Your people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!**

**2 Prince of Life, for us now living,  
by Your body souls are healed;  
Prince of Peace, Your pardon giving,  
by Your blood our peace is sealed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Word of God in flesh revealed.**

**3 Paschal Lamb! Your offering ,finished  
once for all when You were slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**4 Great High Priest of our profession,  
through the veil You entered in;  
by Your mighty intercession  
grace and mercy there to win.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
only sacrifice for sin.**

**5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock, with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship You, the Lamb who died.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
risen, ascended, glorified!**

George Hugh Bourne

### **Confession**

**O King enthroned on high,  
Filling the earth with your glory:  
Holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
To take our guilt away,  
And to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us from all our sins.

That we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Collect**

#### **Prayer for Sonlight and Mega**

**Readings. Keith**

**Isaiah 64: 1-9**

<sup>[a]</sup> **Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!**

<sup>2</sup> **As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!**

<sup>3</sup> **For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.**

<sup>4</sup> **Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,**

who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.  
But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.  
How then can we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.  
<sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name  
or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have given us over to <sup>[b]</sup> our sins.  
<sup>8</sup> Yet you, Lord, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;  
do not remember our sins for ever.  
Oh, look upon us we pray,  
for we are all your people.

#### Mark 13: 24-end

<sup>24</sup> 'But in those days, following that distress,  
"the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>26</sup> 'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great  
power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the  
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.  
<sup>28</sup> 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and  
its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see  
these things happening, you know that it <sup>[b]</sup> is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I  
tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things  
have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never  
pass away.  
<sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven,  
nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert <sup>[c]</sup>! You do not know  
when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: he leaves his house

and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

<sup>35</sup> 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"'

Sermon. Travers

#### HYMN MP 347

1 It may be at morn, when the day is awaking,  
When sunlight through darkness and shadow is breaking,  
That Jesus will come in the fullness of glory,  
To receive from the world "His own."

Refrain:

*O Lord Jesus, how long, how long  
Ere we shout the glad song?  
Christ returneth,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, amen  
Hallelujah, amen!*

2 It may be at mid-day, it may be at twilight,  
It may be, perchance, that the blackness of midnight  
Will burst into light in the blaze of His glory,  
When Jesus receives "His own."  
*O Lord Jesus ...*

3 While hosts cry Hosanna, from heaven descending,  
With glorified saints and the angels attending,  
With grace on His brow, like a halo of glory,  
Will Jesus receive "His own."  
*O Lord Jesus ...*

4 Oh, joy! oh, delight! should we go without dying,  
No sickness, no sadness, no dread and no crying,  
Caught up through the clouds with our Lord into glory,  
When Jesus receives "His own."  
*O Lord Jesus ...*

HL Turner

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God the Father  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!  
You are worthy, Our Lord and God,  
To receive glory and honour, and power for you created all things.**

**We believe in God the Son  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory  
and praise!  
With your blood you have purchased us for God,  
From every tribe and language and people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
The Spirit and the Bride say "Come". Even so, come, Lord Jesus**

**Intercessions     Jane Windus**

## **Offertory prayer**

**The Peace (Children return from Sonlight)**  
Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Hymn MP 1300**  
**I will kneel in the dust  
At the foot of the cross,  
Where mercy paid for me.  
Where the wrath I deserve,  
It is gone, it has passed.  
Your blood has hidden me.**

*Mercy, mercy,  
As endless as the sea.  
I'll sing Your hallelujah  
For all eternity.*

**We will lift up the cup  
And the bread we will break,  
Remembering Your love.  
We were fallen from grace,  
But You took on our shame  
And nailed it to a cross.**

*Mercy, mercy,  
As endless as the sea.  
I'll sing Your hallelujah  
For all eternity.(Rep.)*

**May I never lose the wonder,  
May I never lose the wonder,  
Oh, the wonder of Your mercy.  
May I sing Your hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Amen.( Rep.)**

**I will kneel in the dust  
At the foot of the cross,  
Where mercy paid for me.**

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

## **The Communion**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good ...for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises... ... the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him.....in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**The breaking of bread  
We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**Receiving Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

**MP 1086  
Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes  
Let me see**



**Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You.**

*So here I am to worship  
here I am to bow down  
here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

**King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor**

*So here I am to worship...*

**I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. Repeat**

*So here I am to worship...*

Tim Hughes

**MP 966**

**Wonderful grace that gives what I don't deserve,  
pays me what Christ has earned then lets me go free.  
Wonderful grace that gives me the time to change,  
washes away the stains that once covered me.  
*And all that I have I lay at the feet  
of the wonderful Saviour who loves me.***

**2. Wonderful love that held in the face of death,  
breathed in its final breath forgiveness for me.  
Wonderful love whose power can break every chain  
giving us life again setting us free.  
*And all that I have ...***

John Pantry

**MP1045**

**From 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.**

**King 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.**

**Through 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.**

**Now 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**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
To live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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#### **MP 424**

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.**

**2. Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.**

**3. Now redemption, long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear;  
All His saints, by man rejected,  
Now shall meet Him in the air:  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear!**

**4. Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee,  
high on Thy eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
everlasting God come down!**

Charles Wesley

#### **Final prayer and blessing**

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon us and scatter the darkness from before us.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen

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