



# Last Sunday after Trinity

## 10:30am, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Toy Service

*A warm welcome to our service this morning. This service will go out live on Zoom. Meeting ID: 342 119 948*

## Welcome

The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Notices are given.*

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

*The Advent Wreath has four red candles in a ring around a white candle. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white one on Christmas Day. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. This year we are keeping the traditional meanings which tie in with our readings...*

*1 The Patriarchs, 2 The Prophets, 3 John the Baptist, 4 The Virgin Mary. The white candle is for Jesus.*

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. **Amen.**

**All** Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King: Be born in our hearts this Christmas, be king of our lives today. Amen.

## Song: Here I am to Worship

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

*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.*

2. 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.  
*Here I am to worship...*

*Bridge:*

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

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## A gathering prayer

May the flame of our first Advent candle, be for us a sign of hope; may its warmth be a symbol of God's love for us; and may it inspire us to be hope bearers – people of compassion and integrity, as we gather in the name of Jesus who is the light of the world.

**All** Amen.

*We pray for the children as they leave for their activities.*

## Song: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*(Repeat last two lines)*

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

## A Prayer of Confession

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

*We are assured of God's forgiveness...*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A prayer before we read

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 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. Amen.

## Bible Reading

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## Song: Into the Darkness

Into the darkness of this world,  
into the shadows of the night;  
into this loveless place you came,  
lightened our burdens, eased our pain  
and made these hearts your home.  
Into the darkness once again,  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come with your love to make us whole.  
Come with your light to lead us on,  
driving the darkness far from our souls:  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

2. Into the longing of our souls,  
into these heavy hearts of stone,  
shine on us now your piercing light,  
order our lives and souls aright,  
by grace and love unknown,  
until in you our hearts unite  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come with your love to make us whole.  
Come with your light to lead us on,  
driving the darkness far from our souls:  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

3. O Holy Child, Emmanuel,  
Hope of the ages, God with us,  
visit again this broken place,  
till all the earth declare your praise  
and your great mercies own.  
Now let your love be born in us  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come in your glory take your place,  
Jesus, the Name above all names,  
we long to see you face to face:  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Maggi Dawn*

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## Bible reading

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

*Luke 21:25-36*

All This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.



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## Talk – Kirsty from FSW

## Song: My Jesus, My Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter  
tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in  
you.*

*Darlene Zschech*

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## Prayers

*The following response may be used.*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Our Prayer for Growth*

**All God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**All 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 sins 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.**

## Song: Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us -  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story -  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain*

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## Blessing

Go in the light of faith and shine brightly. Go in the strength of faith and be bold. Go in the love of God the Father, the peace of Jesus the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit – be blessed this Advent and always.

**All Amen.**

## Sending out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Thank you for worshipping with us today. Next Sunday: 10:30 Holy Communion.**

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