



## Second Sunday of Advent 6th December

### Opening Responses

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,

**All for the night is far spent.**

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness

and put on the armour of light,

**All for the day is at hand.**

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and make no provision for the flesh,

**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

### Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins, saying together:

**All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Absolution

### Hymn

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

*Refrain*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring 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, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe.  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

*Refrain*

### Lighting the Advent Candle

**All Help us, as we prepare to celebrate His birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love, that they may be prepared to receive Him in their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

### Reading: Luke 1:26-38

*At end of reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

## The Apostles' Creed

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father, and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers

### Intercessions

*The response to: 'Come Lord'*

Is; **'Let your love be shown'**

*Intercessions conclude with:*

Merciful father, **Accept these prayers for  
the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ, Amen.**

### The Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first  
coming sent your Angels and Prophets  
to prepare your way before you: grant  
that the ministers and stewards of your  
mysteries may likewise so prepare and  
make ready your way by turning the  
hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom  
of the just, that at your second coming to  
judge the world we may be found an  
acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the  
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Hymn

1. 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.

## Notices

### Blessing

May God be with you as you keep watch  
for the One whose Advent is promised.

**All Amen**

May God embolden your witness to  
Christ's coming and so prepare his way.

**All Amen**

May you be found ready and alert at  
Christ's return, at peace in body, mind  
and spirit, and doing his will.

**All Amen**

And the blessing ...

**All Amen**

## Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**