

# 10am Sunday Morning Service O2T2

## 8 December 2024 – Advent 2

Welcome (Sue/Julia Lead, Stuart Music)

### Call to Worship

God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with peace.**

God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

### Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king,  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn king.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild he lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.

### **Song: From the Squalor**

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!

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## **Advent Wreath**

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world. How does this happen? God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

Today we relight the candle of **HOPE**. Now on this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah 9:7:

*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

### **From the Gospel of John 14:27:**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

Jesus Christ is our peace. He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation.

### **Let us pray:**

*Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and the countries of our world. Please help us to see the paths of peace in our lives and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. **Amen.***

## **Song: Christmas Isn't Just About Santa**

Christmas isn't just about Santa, Christmas isn't just about Santa  
It's about how Jesus came, It's about how Jesus came  
Came to show the God who made us, Came to show the God who made us  
Came a baby became a man, Came a baby became a man

### **Oh come and see (3x)**

#### **What God has done**

We all give each other presents, We all give each other presents  
To remember one and all, To remember one and all  
God gave us His own Son Jesus, God gave us His own Son Jesus  
He's the very best present of all, He's the very best present of all

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### **Prayer for Children as they go out to practice pageant (Sue)**

#### **Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 (Robyn R)**

**5** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## Message (Sue)

### Offering Song: O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O 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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O 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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O 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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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### Thanks for the Offering

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

### **The Confession**

**Heavenly Father,**

**You have loved us with an everlasting love,**

**But we have broken your holy laws**

**And have left undone what we ought to have done.**

**We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,**

**Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,

Forgiving all who humbly repent

And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord

God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus,

In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

### **Prayers for the Church and our World (Natalie)**

#### **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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory**

**Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Julia with Jaq and Nat)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son, and life giving Spirit,  
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.

You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at the table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take eat; this is my body'.

He took the cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, Which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me'.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation,

and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who may eat or drink at this table may be strengthened  
by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom, with whom and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body.

**For we all share in the one bread**

### **Prayer**

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us

With the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.

May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be  
strengthened in your service.

We who have sung your praises

tell of your glory and truth in our lives;

we who have seen the greatness of your love

See you face to face in your kingdom

And come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**



## **Notices (Julia)**

### **Song: Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

### **Christ alone cornerstone**

**Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne  
Faultless stand before the throne

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## **Blessing**