



Advent Sunday



¶ Gathering

Sydwell Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

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

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! Draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the elder law.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

18th cent trans T A Lacey

Collect for Advent Sunday

Nigel 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.
All **Amen.**

¶ Word and Prayer

Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Read by Jennifer Frew

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters:³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind -⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jennifer
All

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

Hymn

Hills of the north, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas,
sing to the listening earth;
carry on every breeze,
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew;
his word is sure, His promise true.

Lands of the east, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet Him with joyous eyes,
praise shall His path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light,
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home;
songs be in every mouth!
Lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south!
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Charles E Oakley

Gospel Reading from St Mark

Read by Andrew Kyle

Andrew Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples:²⁴ 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake -for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Andrew This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ,**

Advent Watching and Waiting

Canon Nigel Ashworth

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.

Organ

Simon Passmore

Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland ['Come, Saviour of the Nations'] - JS Bach BWV 659

Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Led by Fr Keith Henshall

The following response is incorporated into the intercessions

Keith Let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end

Keith Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Anthem

Choir of St Ann's

The Choir have recorded 'Sleepers Wake' by Felix Mendelssohn

The Peace

Sydwell introduces the Peace and says

¶ Ending

Hymn

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

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,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley and John Cennick

The Blessing

Nigel

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you
and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Voluntary

Fugue from Book 2 of the 'Well-Tempered Klavier' – JS Bach, played on the piano by Simon Passmore,