

**Wallington and St Andrew's URCs**  
**Advent Sunday 29 November 2020**

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Call to worship

♪ Hark! the glad sound the Saviour comes,  
The Saviour promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
And every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release  
In Satan's bondage held;  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure;  
And with the treasures of His grace  
Enrich the humble poor.

Thy glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim:  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With thy beloved name.

*Words: Philip Dodderidge, music: Thomas Ravenscroft. Performance: Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, © 2003 Priory Records.*

Prayer and Lord's prayer

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 that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the first Advent candle

♪ *Christmas is coming,  
The Church is glad to sing,  
And let the Advent candles  
Brightly burn in a ring.*

The first is for God's promise  
To put the wrong things right,  
And bring to earth's darkness  
The hope of love and light.  
*Christmas is coming ...*

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For all the family – What's Advent about?

♪ Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light! ...*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.  
*Christ, be our light! ...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.  
*Christ, be our light! ...*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.  
*Christ, be our light! ...*

*Words and music: Bernadette Farrell, © OCP Publications. Performance: the Big Sing, North Church, Perth.*

Isaiah 64:1-9 – Look upon us, we pray  
Mark 13:24-37 – Watch!

## Sermon

♪ Behold, the mountain of the Lord  
In latter days shall rise  
On mountain-tops, above the hills,  
And draw the wondering eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,  
All tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,  
And to his house, we'll go.

The beam that shines from Zion's hill  
Shall lighten every land;  
The King who reigns in Salem's towers  
Shall all the world command.

Among the nations he shall judge;  
His judgements truth shall guide;  
His sceptre shall protect the just,  
And quell the sinner's pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
Disturb those peaceful years;  
To ploughshares men shall beat  
their swords,  
To pruning-hooks their spears.

No longer hosts, encountering hosts,  
Shall crowds of slain deplore;  
They hang the trumpet in the hall,  
And study war no more.

Come then, O house of Jacob! come  
To worship at his shrine;  
And, walking in the light of God,  
With holy beauties shine.

*Words: Scottish Paraphrases 1781, music: Moore's Psalm-Singer's Pocket Companion, 1756. Performance: Scottish Philharmonic Singers, Ian McCrorie cond, © 1988 SCS Music Ltd.*

## Prayers of intercession

♪ 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.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Words: Charles Wesley, music: R H Pritchard. Performance: Scottish Festival Singers, © Mission Worship.*

## Blessing

*Closing music: Carol of the Advent by John Bell, © and © WGRG, The Iona Community.*

*For all the family is by Peter Campbell Smith, the Bible passages are read by Margaret Holmes and Pete McNamara and our prayers of intercession are led by Andrew Macdonald.*