

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2023 HOLY COMMUNION 11AM
St John's, Stratford Online

SERVICE DETAILS

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1. 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, 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.....

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.....

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

Rejoice! Rejoice.....

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.....

ADVENT PRAYER

**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 at Christmas,
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

ADVENT CONFESSION

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

2. The heavens declare the glory of God.

And all of the world will join the praise,
His wonders proclaim.

The oceans and skies lift up their voice.
And all He has made will rise to bless
the King of all Kings.

Let us adore Him, let us adore Him.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Eternity's King is coming again.

Though all of the earth will fade away
His truth will remain.

Let us adore Him, let us adore Him.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Come and behold Him, bow down before Him

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

You are worthy of all praise. *(repeat x3)*

Let us adore Him, let us adore Him.

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Come and behold Him, bow down before Him

Jesus Christ is the Lord.

3. Jesus, God's righteousness revealed

The Son of Man, the Son of God
His Kingdom comes

Jesus, redemption's sacrifice

Now glorified, now justified

His Kingdom comes

And this Kingdom will know no end

And it's glory shall know no bounds

For the majesty and power

Of this Kingdom's King has come.

And this Kingdom's reign

And this Kingdom's rule

And this Kingdom's power and authority;

Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.

Jesus, the expression of God's love

The grace of God, the Word of God

Revealed to us

Jesus, God's Holiness displayed

Now glorified, now justified

His Kingdom comes

And this Kingdom will know no end.....

4. These are the days of Elijah,

Declaring the word of the Lord;

And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,

Of famine and darkness and sword,

Still we are a voice in the desert,

Crying "prepare ye the way of the Lord"

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,

shining like the sun at the trumpet call;

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,

Out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world,
And we are the labourers in the vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord.

5. God sent his Son to earth for me,

Walk, walk in the light.

He came from heaven to set me free,

Walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light,

Walk in the light,

Walk in the light,

Walk in the light of the Lord.

His Spirit lives in you and me,

Walk, walk in the light.

His light will shine for all to see,

Walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light.....

1st READING: Isaiah 40:3-5 (Church Bible: p.725)

Please stand for the Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 10:7-10 (Church Bible: p.1076)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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6. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him

Who brings good news, good news.

Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,

Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns,

Our God reigns, our God reigns.

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,

Shout for your King, your King.

See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:

Your God reigns, your God reigns.

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,

We are redeemed, redeemed.

The Lord has saved and comforted his people:

Your God reigns, your God reigns.

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.

Before the nations he has bared his holy arm:

Your God reigns, your God reigns.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this
wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear
Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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.
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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

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

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving

7. Light of the world

you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart to adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

So 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.

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.

So here I am to worship.....

And I'll never know
how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know
how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
So here I am to worship.....

8. Be still and know that I am God

the Holy One is here;

Come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground;

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light;

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place.

PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

NOTICES/ BIRTHDAYS/ BANNS

9. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,

once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluia! (x3)

Christ 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, (x3)
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 (x3)
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! (x3)
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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