

Second Sunday before Advent Order of Service.

Introit

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

**Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calms of sin forgiven.**

Confession, Absolution and Collect

All

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.
We are sorry and truly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light.**

Amen.

The Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent.

Old Testament Reading Zephaniah, chapter 1.7,11-18.

Read by David.

Hymn

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.**

**I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25.14-30.

The Address

Song

**I am waiting for the dawning of that bright and blessed day,
When the darksome night of sorrow shall have vanished far away;
When for ever with the Saviour, far beyond this vale of tears,
I shall swell the song of worship through the everlasting years.**

Ctd...

I am looking at the brightness— see, it shineth from afar—
Of the clear and joyous beaming of the Bright and Morning Star.
Through the dark grey mist of morning, I can see its glorious light;
Then away with every shadow of this sad and weary night.

I am waiting for the coming of the Lord who died for me;
Oh, His words have thrilled my spirit, 'I will come again for thee'.
I can almost hear His footfall, at the threshold of the door,
And my heart, my heart is longing, to be with Him evermore.

The Lord's Prayer

Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, sancteiddier dy enw,
Deled dy dernas, gwneler dy ewyllys,
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol, a maddau i ni ein dyledion,
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.
Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.
Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r gallu a'r gogoniant,
yn oes oesoedd. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

The Intercessions

led by Helen.

Hymn

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing blood;
here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
thy blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

The Blessing

A look on the bright side

