

Advent Sunday Order of Service

Introit

Welcome and Introduction.

Hymn:

**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...**

**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...**

**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;**

**O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the path that leads on high, and close the path to misery...**

Confession, Absolution and Collect:

Let us confess our sins to almighty God:

**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 Absolution.

The Collect for Advent Sunday.

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;
so 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 lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 64.1-9.

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 1.3-9. Read in Welsh by Helen.

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

Song:

**Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us your Son;
sending Him into the world to be given up for men,
knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth;
Hallelujah, my father, in His life is my life.**

The Address.

Hymn:

GLORIOUS things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity: I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

The Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, in the language of our choice, we boldly pray:

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.

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.

The Intercessions:

led by Anthea.

Final Hymn:

**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 saints 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 forever, 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.**

The Blessing

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