

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service Sunday 27 November 2022
Advent Sunday

Gathering music

Introit: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Welcome

Call to Worship

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.
You came and took upon you our humanity,
that you might raise us to share your divinity.

Come, revive, redeem restore.
In our darkness: **come as light.**
in our sadness: **come as joy.**
In our troubles: **come as peace.**
In our weakness: **come as strength.**

Come, Lord, to our aid:
revive, redeem, restore us.

Hymn 277 Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting the first Advent Candle

We shall light the Advent candle,
praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us
to look outward in love,
and to look forward in hope.
**Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us
how to be patient when things take time,
how to live for Christ day by day,
and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

**Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come
God will judge between the nations,
and arbitrate for many people

The candle is lit.

We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope
that swords can be beaten into ploughshares,
and spears into pruning hooks,
and that nations shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. *(Isaiah 2:4)*

**Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming! (refrain, verse 1 and refrain)

The sharing of Christ's peace

Hymn 473 'Thy kingdom come!' — on bended knee

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Matthew 24: 36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Anthem: Comfort, comfort now my people

Sermon

Hymn 472 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Hymn 475 Christ is coming!

Sending

Blessing

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Musician: Jamie Turnbull

Readers: Dorothy and Alastair MacKenzie

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