



Advent 2

5 December 2021
10am Congregation

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We would love to hear from you, so please **fill in a connect card**.
You can leave us a prayer or aid request, a comment, feedback, or
we can organise for someone to give you a call this week.

PRAISING GOD

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

1. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise the everlasting king!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
glorious in his faithfulness!

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
widely as his mercy flows!

4. Angels, help us to adore him,
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,
praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Who is the Light of the world?

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
He has come in humility,
He will come again in glorious majesty.**

Who is the Light of the world?

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
He has come with mercy and compassion.
He will come again to judge the world.**

COLLECT FOR ADVENT 2

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Tim Escott

THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us, for life and health and safety, for power to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for the hope of sharing in your glory.

Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Bible Reading - Luke 1:26-38

Naomi Escott

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Bible Reading - Psalm 72

Megan Best

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live!
May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all day long.
- ¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land;
may it wave on the tops of the mountains;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field.
- ¹⁷ May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy.
¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

O GREAT GOD OF HIGHEST HEAVEN

1. O great God of highest heaven
occupy my lowly heart;
own it all and reign supreme
conquer every rebel power;
let no vice or sin remain
that resists your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me
make me yours forevermore.

2. I was blinded by my sin
had no ears to hear your voice;
did not know your love within
had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then your Spirit gave me life
opened up your word to me;
through the gospel of your Son
gave me endless hope and peace

3. Help me now to live a life
that's dependent on your grace;
keep my heart and guard my soul
from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heaven
glorify your Name through me

SERMON

Michael Jensen

CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYING TO GOD

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life.

In your mercy you have washed us from our sins and made us clean in your sight.

Yet we still fail to love you and serve you as we should.

Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace, that we may continue to grow as members of Christ, in whom alone is our salvation. Amen

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR CITY AND THE WORLD

Viva Doraisingham

THE 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 forever. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

NOTICES

GIVE

GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN

1. Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion city of our God:

he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded
what can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,

well supply your 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?

3. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them priests and kings to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Closing Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.
Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ROUGH EDGES - 12 Dec. Please consider preparing a meal or dessert for the Rough Edges community. The companions have asked for less curries and rice type meals and

more protein. For those who prefer not to cook, you may like to sign up to deliver the meals from St Mark's to Victoria Street at 6.50pm. To contribute financially Account Name: St Mark's Church Darling Point BSB: 032 054 Acc Number: 250036 Ref: ROUGHIES FOOD

<https://stmarksdp.org/ministries/rough-edges/>

We hope today's service was transformative for you. Join us next week as we hear Michael Jensen speak to us on from Psalm 24 - *Songs of the Coming King*.

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