

Order of Service – 8th December 2024

Welcome

Call to worship/Opening prayer

Breathe on us, breath of God.
Inspire our minds and our hearts today.
Enliven our thoughts and our senses we pray.
May we be open to Your Word;
alert to Your world;
awake to Your gift coming in Jesus Christ,
Prince of Peace. Amen

Light advent Candle

Advent Poem by John Bell (b. 1949)

Light looked down and saw the darkness.
“I will go there” said light.
Peace looked down and saw war.
“I will go there” said peace.
Love looked down and saw hatred.
“I will go there” said love.
So He, the Lord of Light,
The Prince of Peace, the King of Love,
came down and crept in beside us.
Remain seated as the choir sings

Opening hymn: MP102 Come thou long expected Jesus

Tune: Hyfrydol (Love Divine all loves excelling)

1. 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.

2. Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Opening prayer and Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading: Luke 1:68-79 New Living Translation

68 "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has visited and redeemed his people.
69 He has sent us a mighty Saviour
from the royal line of his servant David,
70 just as he promised
through his holy prophets long ago.
71 Now we will be saved from our enemies
and from all who hate us.
72 He has been merciful to our ancestors
by remembering his sacred covenant—
73 the covenant he swore with an oath
to our ancestor Abraham.
74 We have been rescued from our enemies
so we can serve God without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness
for as long as we live.
76 "And you, my little son,
will be called the prophet of the Most High,
because you will prepare the way for the Lord.
77 You will tell his people how to find salvation
through forgiveness of their sins.
78 Because of God's tender mercy,

the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide us to the path of peace.”

All age Worship:

Song: Make Way – Make Way

Verse 1

Make way make way for Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives

Chorus

Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
For the King of kings (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way (MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
Make way ((MEN - WOMEN ECHO)
And let His kingdom in (ALL)

Verse 2

He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

Verse 3

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall

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Reflection - A Father's Dream

Offering - MP 557 Praise God from whom all blessings flow (1x verse)

Hymn - MP921 Refiner Fire (2x verses with chorus)

Prayer for others

Hymn - MP35 Angels from the realms of glory (3x verses with chorus)

Benediction

Grace