



Worship at Home
The Second Sunday of Advent
6th December 2020

WELCOME

By Roy Crowne, HOPE Together Executive Director

HYMN

When love came down

Sung by the Musicians of Holy Trinity Platt Church, Manchester

When love came down to earth
And made his home with men
The hopeless found a hope
The sinner found a friend.
Not to the powerful
But to the poor he came
And humble, hungry hearts
Were satisfied again.

What joy, what peace has come to us!
What hope, what help, what love!

When every unclean thought
And every sinful deed
Was scourged upon his back
And hammered through his feet.
The innocent is cursed
The guilty are released;
The punishment of God
On God has brought me peace.

What joy, what peace has come to us!
What hope, what help, what love!

Come lay your heavy load
Down at the master's feet;
Your shame will be removed
Your joy will be complete.
Come crucify your pride
And enter as a child;
For those who bow down low
He'll lift up to his side.

What joy, what peace has come to us!
What hope, what help!
What joy, what peace has come to us!
What hope, what help, what love, what love!

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Led by Rev Yemi Adedeji, HOPE Together Associate Director

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel
the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with Good News for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

A priest says

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Whilst lighting the second candle of an Advent Wreath:

People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

All Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever.
Amen.

REFLECTION

Given by Roy Crowne

MUSIC

The Lord is my light – Taizé
Sung by St Martin's Voices

*The Lord is my light
My light and salvation
In God I trust
In God I trust*

Words and Music by the Taizé Community

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Read by Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, TV Presenter, Actress and Author

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. (11.1-9)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the seas.

All Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION 2

By Simon Thomas, TV Presenter

SONG

This is our God

Sung by Katie Riston with Olly Hamilton

A refuge for the poor
A shelter from the storm
This is our God
And He will wipe away your tears
And return your wasted years
This is our God

*Call upon His name
He is mighty, say
This is our God*

A father to the orphan
A healer to the broken
This is our God
He brings peace to our madness
And comfort in our sadness
This is our God

*So call upon His name
He is mighty, say
This is our God*

*This is the one we have waited for
This is the one we have waited for
This is the one we have waited for
Jesus, Lord and Saviour
This is our God*

A fountain for the thirsty
A lover for the lonely
This is our God
He brings glory to the humble
And crowns for the faithful
This is our God

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Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

GOSPEL READING

Read by Alice Pepper, from Amplify Young Evangelists Academy

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (1.1-8)

John the Baptist prepares the way. The beginning of the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the son of God as it is written in Isaiah the prophet; I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way. A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him'. And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

The whole Judean countryside, and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins they were baptised by him in the Jordan river. John wore clothing made of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist and he ate locusts and wild honey and this was his message:

'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water but he will baptise you with the Holy spirit'.

SERMON

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE Together Assistant Director

Let us declare our faith in God. Join me as we confess our faith:

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYERS

*Led by Dan Randall, HOPE Together Youth Director
with Josh, Catlin and Gloria from the Amplify Young Evangelists Academy*

Silence is kept.

The officiant prays

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All Amen.

All As our Saviour taught us, so let us all 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 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.

A priest prays the following blessing:

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and may the blessings of God,
the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and for evermore.

HYMN

Noel

Sung by the Musicians of Holy Trinity Platt Church, Manchester

Love incarnate, love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The saviour of humanity
Unto us a child is born
He shall reign evermore

*Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel*

Son of God and son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
he shall reign evermore

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Words and Music: Chris Tomlin

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