

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 28 Nov 2021 Advent Sunday
(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

Advent Carol Service: *Looking for the Light*

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, 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.
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.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
shall come to thee, o Israel

I look from afar:

And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming,
and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come:

to reign over thy people Israel.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.**

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and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

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Let us pray

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;
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 is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. **Amen.**

First reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
Thanks be to God.

Second reading: Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Hymn:

Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, in Christ renewed,
and with the Spirit's pow'r endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its pow'r will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything always.
Lift up your hearts: with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Third reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Thanks be to God.

Fourth reading: Luke 12:35-40

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Thanks be to God.

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 earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry 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.

Fifth reading: John 3:16-21

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Thanks be to God.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.

Even so, Lord, come.

O Lord Jesus come
at evening time, with light,
and in the morning with your glory,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says:
Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star. **Amen.**

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to greet him when he comes in glory.
And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn:

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for mortal sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ appears, on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
we who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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Telephone Services

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Wednesdays at 6pm: Evening Prayer

Sundays at 9am: Sunday Worship – a half hour Service of the Word: hymns, readings and prayers

Church Services

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| 28 Nov Advent Sunday | 8.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford |
| Saturday 4 Dec | 3.00pm Messy Church TVCH |
| 5 Dec Advent 2 | 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford |
| 10 Dec Friday | 2.00pm Christow School Carols |
| 12 Dec Advent 3 | 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
4.00pm Family Christingle St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock |
| 15 Dec Wednesday | 5.00pm Doddiscombsleigh School Christingle |
| 16 Dec Thursday | 2.30pm Dunsford School Christingle |
| 19 Dec Advent 4 | 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
6.00pm Carol Service St James Christow
6.00pm Carol Service St Mary Dunsford |
| 21 Dec Tuesday | 6.00pm Carol Service St Michael Doddiscombsleigh |
| 24 Dec Christmas Eve | 4.00pm Crib service St Mary Dunsford
6.00pm Carol Service St Thomas Becket Bridford
8.00pm HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.00pm HC St Mary Dunsford
10.00pm Carol Service St John the Baptist Ashton
10.00pm HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock |
| 25 Dec Christmas Day | 10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |

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