



# ADVENT TWO - 9 DECEMBER 2018

## Welcome Advent Wreath Ceremony

### Hymn 93

**The Gathering** (Page 1 Red Book)  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

**Prayer of Preparation** (Page 2)

### Invitation to Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Penitence** (Page 3)

### No Gloria during Advent

**The Collect:** O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

*A reading from the Book of Baruch chapter 5, verses 1 - 9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For

God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

### Anthem

*Hark what a sound (RR Terry)*

### Second Reading

*A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians chapter 1, verses 3 - 11*

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. *This is the word of the Lord*

### Thanks be to God

### Hymn 29

### The Holy Gospel

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according St Luke (3:1-6)*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the

rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ' *This is the Gospel of the Lord:*

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Children's Talk** (If children are present)

### Sermon

**The Creed** (Page 7)

**Prayers of Intercessions** (Page 8)

**The Peace** (Page 9)

### Hymn 87

**The Eucharistic Prayer (C)** (Page 25)  
*[With Special Advent Preface to begin]*

**The Lord's Prayer** (Page 12)

**Breaking of the Bread** (Page 13)

**Agnus Dei** (Page 13)

**Giving of Communion** (Page 14)

*(If you are not confirmed come forward, holding a prayer book for a blessing)*

### Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion** Page 16

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Hymn 34

### Notices

### The Blessing

### Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Final, Symphony No. 4 (Widor)*