

Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church
Sunday 27th November 2022
1st Sunday of Advent



Sacrament of Holy Communion
10.30am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary

Introit O Come O Come Emmanuel

Lighting of advent candle

Praise 282 Christmas is coming

*Christmas is coming
the Church is glad to sing
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.*

The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.

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Call to Worship

Praise 477 Lo he comes with clouds descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Christ, the Lamb, for sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
join the sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those deep wounds of cross and passion
still his glorious body bears:
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
See! the day of God appears.

4 Yea, amen, let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne:
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for your own:
oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly,
Alleluia! come, Lord, come!

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

All Age Address

Praise

553 Just as I am

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, 'Come to me',
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am -- your love unknown
has broken every barrier down --
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above --
O Lamb of God, I come.

**New
Testament**

Romans 13: 11 - 14

(p.153)

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Anthem

Father, most loving - words by James Quinn (1919-2010), music from Paris Antiphoner, 1681

**New
Testament**

Matthew 24: 36 – 44

(p.26)

³⁶ ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day^[b] your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Praise

562 Through the Love of God our Saviour

1 Through the love of God, our Saviour,
all will be well.
Free and changeless is his favour;
all, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
all must be well.

2 Though we pass through tribulation,
all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation,
all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding,
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding;
all must be well.

3 We expect a bright tomorrow;
all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
'All, all is well.'
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
in our living, in our dying,
all must be well.

**Sermon
Waiting and Mystery.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise

19 Ye gates

7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

10 But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

Alleluia! alleluia!
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Amen, amen, amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Introduction

Minister The Lord be with you
Congregation And also with you
Minister Lift up your hearts.
Congregation We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
Congregation It is right to give our thanks and praise

Communion Anthem *O sacred head, sore wounded* - J G Walther

As the elements are returned we sing v's 4,5 of Psalm 23

Praise (O Come all ye faithful)
Sing out, all God's people! Shout what God is doing!
We need not fear the things that hurt or destroy;
God is here with us, healing and renewing.
O Lord, we know your presence,
We trust that you are with us,
We thank you that you bless us,
Giving us joy.

Our God loves the outcast, saves the weak and suffering,
Deals with oppressors, turns our shame into praise.
God, in great love, lifts up the poor and struggling.
O Lord, we know your presence,
We trust that you are with us,
We thank you that you bless us
All of our days.

O Lord, we're reminded in this holy season:
Though we may struggle we are never alone.
Christ is our joy, our hope and peace unending:
In Christ, we know your presence;
You heal us and restore us,
You give us joy and bless us,
Bringing us home.

Blessing & Threefold Amen

Voluntary *Finale in C minor* - Stanley E Saxton

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE

Mid-week Service: will take place in St Leo's Church @ 10am.

Supporting charities at Christmas: the Kirk Session has agreed to support the local charities of Lodging House Mission, Preshal Trust and the City Mission through our retiring collections at Carols by Candlelight, Watchnight and Christmas Day services. In addition, we are seeking donations to the Lodging House Mission and Preshal Trust at our annual **Gift Service on Sunday 11th December**; please leave donations unwrapped. The two charities would welcome donations of any of the following items. Further information can be found on the church website.

- Lodging House Mission - Shoebox appeal: gloves, scarves, hats, socks, chocolate, toiletries (toothbrushes and toothpaste)
- Preshal Trust: socks, warm clothing, pyjamas, blanket/throws, toiletries, children's gifts, chocolate, handwarmers

The Warm Welcome Project: Every Monday we will host this worthy initiative. If you wish to help please contact Ruth Sills. rsills1550@gmail.com

To celebrate St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday 30th November at 1.30pm The Guild is pleased to welcome Alastair McDonald in Concert. Tickets for this are priced at £4.00

Thinking of others this Christmas

This year we have the return of our Christmas lunch which will be in The Sherbrooke Castle Hotel on Sunday 11th December. I am thinking this event could be an opportunity where we can help our Ukrainian friends feel just a little bit more loved over Christmas by sponsoring a lunch ticket for them. Many of you will know we meet every second Wednesday in the large hall and this Wednesday we are expecting over 30 people. It would be wonderful if we could personally invite them to attend by sponsoring their ticket today. If you would like to do this. Please contact Lorna.

Mags Cargey

Tickets are £25. Refund is not available should you be unable to attend.

Mince Pies: after the Carol's by Candlelight service on the 21st December, we shall be providing mince pies and mulled wine, as has been our tradition. If you would like to donate some mince pies, please leave the boxes in the kitchen from Sunday 4th December. Thank you.

Life and Work: Subscriptions for next year's Life and Work are now due. The cost for an annual subscription (12 issues) is **£30**. Please pass your cash/cheques (made payable to the Church) to the office.

Minister: Adam Dillon

Organist: Tom Ferguson

Ministry Candidate: William McCulloch

Beadle: Cameron Aitken

Welcome Team Garry Borland
Allan Lapsley
Marjorie McGhie
Janet Lamb
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Flowers Our flowers this morning have been kindly donated by The Flower committee

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Office Hours

The Office will be open Tuesday 9-5pm Thursday 2-6pm, Friday 9 – 5pm

All intimations to Janis by 10am on Friday: sherbrooke-init@btconnect.com

DATES Coffee & Conversation:

3:30pm - 4:00pm Conversational English Class

4:00pm - 5:30pm Coffee, conversation and community

Wednesday 30th November

Wednesday 14th December

Wednesday 28th December