



WELCOME



Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church

Sunday 5th December 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF SERVICE

Voluntary Variations on "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn" – M. Schildt

**Call to
Worship** *As streets fill with shoppers
Bright lights and tempting offers
Christmas songs and children's laughter
You lead us along a different path
To a desert river and a Prophetic voice
A call to repentance
A call to service
A call to immerse ourselves
In living water that will never run dry
A call to prepare a way in our own lives
For the Saviour of the world to enter in
To know the touch of tender mercy
And rest in your forgiving love*

Praise 273 O come, O come Emmanuel

- 1 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.*
- 2 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 :
- 3 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 :
- 4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home ;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery :
- 5 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 :

Prayers of approach confession and the Lord's Prayer

All-age Talk

Praise We Gather Here At Advent Time, Tune: 7 joys of Mary – CH4 340

1 We gather here at Advent time; in praise to God we sing,
And in our worship stop and ask, 'What are the prayers we bring?'
When, week by week, we journey closer to the joy of Christmas Day,
We turn to God, and seek his Light to guide us on our way.

2 We gather here as Advent starts and Hope becomes our light.
When prophets spoke, your light shone clear and hopefulness burned bright.
So now we pray for strength for those who struggle every day to cope.
May we become God's prophets here and lift the light of Hope.

3 We journey on through Advent time and Peace becomes our light.
Against oppression, rage and strife, this flickering flame burns bright.
So now we pray that wars will end and every act of violence cease.
May we join others on this day and lift the light of Peace.

**Old
Testament**

Malachi 3:1-4

(p.842)

1 "Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle Luke 1:68–79 (Chant: Barnby in E major)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited, and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our fore-father Abraham; That he would give us, that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet in-to the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 (p.56)

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiber'i-us Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae'a and Trachoni'tis, and Lysa'ni-as tetrarch of Abile'ne, **2** in the high-priesthood of Annas and Ca'iaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechari'ah in the wilderness; **3** and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. **5** Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; **6** and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Praise 472 Come thou long expected Jesus

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 for ever,
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.

SERMON

Road blocked ahead

Church News

Praise 511 Your hand, O god has guided

1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record:
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

3 Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

BLESSING

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn" – J. G. Walther

Covid Health & Safety Framework update: the Covid sub-committee have now updated the health and safety framework with effect from Sunday 3rd October. Further details can be found on the Church website; the key aspects are:

- **Masks:** to be worn inside the sanctuary (throughout the service) and in the hall while moving around

- **Singing:** please stand and sing with your masks on for all hymns if you wish.
- **Seating:** a return of the church pews with no allocation of seating; prebooking of seats to remain.
- **Sanctuary and Halls:** in order to maximise ventilation throughout our church buildings, various doors will remain open both in the Sanctuary and Halls. We are also monitoring CO2 levels both in the Sanctuary and Halls.
- **Movement between Sanctuary and Halls:** either through the side door or double doors next to the organ. Please take your time and keep your distance.
- **Tea and Coffee:** we've taken every precaution to keep us all safe which means wearing a mask when not seated, sanitising, sitting at tables and individually wrapped biscuits. Please bring your own cup if you would prefer although recyclable disposables will be used. It's not yet back to normal, but the benefits of meeting up and chatting is worth the effort we think.

Notices

Christmas Services: the following services and events are being planned to celebrate the Christmas season –

Sunday 12th – Gift Service in support of the Lodging House Mission and Preshal Trust; the service will be followed by something more Christmassy to go with your tea and coffee

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- **Suggested Gifts:**
- Gift packs of toiletries for men, women or children.
- Any small luxury items that can be used and would boost feelings of well being
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarfs
- Chocolate is always very welcome as we often use this in Santa sacks and as a prize for games.
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- Tuesday 21st December, 7.30pm – Carols by Candlelight
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- Friday 24th December, 11.15pm – Watchnight service
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- Saturday 25th December, 10.30am – Christmas Day service
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- Sunday 26th December, 10.30am – Boxing Day – Juke Box fun – more details to follow.

AM Chorus: Christmas Meetup- Wednesday 15th December at 2pm! (Note new afternoon time) A chance to get in to the Christmas spirit and sing through some festive favourites. New comers very welcome, please contact Alice (email: alicelovesharps@gmail.com) to get on the emailing list for further info!

The 159th Scout Group: will be delivering Christmas cards this year. The collection box will be at the back of the church on 5th and 12th December. Donations are gratefully received and used to help fund the group's activities.

Stamps: Before you throw out your Christmas card envelopes please can you remove the stamps from them the church would be grateful to collect any stamps which you may receive. Please place them in the basket in the front entrance labelled "Stamps"--- with a half inch rim if possible. The stamps are sent on to the Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp. For more information see Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal.

Life & Work: Subscriptions for next year's magazines 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.

Deck the Halls: if you can help please come and have some festive fun & help decorate the church for Christmas bring your ideas and join in on Friday 10th December. **Please speak to Hazel Hill.**

Market Stall: this morning Muriel Manning will be selling knitted jungle animal toys, each with its own little story attached, in the main hall, with the proceeds going to both Glasgow Lodging House Mission and the Trussell Trust.

Mince Pies: In order to provide Mince Pies after Carols by Candlelight, we are making our annual request for packets to be brought and left in the kitchen on the next two Sundays. We have worked out how to present them within Covid hospitality guidelines. Many thanks

Should you wish we have printed a large version of the Order of Service please see one of the Door Team if you would like one.

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Organist: John Gormley

Beadle: Cameron Aitken

Welcome Team Maureen Burton
Albert Burton
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