

First Sunday of Advent



Welcome to St Matthew's Eucharist

**O comfort my people, and calm all their fear
And tell them the day of salvation draws near
O tell them I come to remove all their shame
Then they will forever give praise to my name**

**Proclaim to the cities of Juda my word
That gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord
I rescue the captives my people defend
And bring them to justice and joy without end**

**All mountains and hills shall become as a plain
For vanished are mourning and hunger and pain
And never again shall these war against you
Behold I come quickly to make all things new**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The First Coming

*The holly and the ivy are dancing in a ring
Round the royal purple candles
And the bright and shining King*

**Oh one is for God's people, in every age and day
We are watching for his coming we believe and we obey**

**And two is for the prophets, and for the light they bring
They are candles in the darkness all alight for Christ the King**

**And three for John the Baptist, he calls on us to sing
'O prepare the way for Jesus Christ
He is coming, Christ, the King'**

**And four for mother Mary: 'I cannot see the way
But you promise me a baby, I believe you, I obey'**

**And Christ is in the centre, we wait for his birthday
When the shining nights of Christmas
Tell us 'He has come today'**

The Second Coming

**When the Lord returns, *singing alleluia*
*Alleluia, alleluia***

**He will lead us home, *singing alleluia*
He will lead us to his kingdom**

*Woe to you! It will go better for Tyre
and Sidon than for you. (Lk10.13)*

**All the sky will glow, *singing alleluia ...*
All the earth will shake, *singing alleluia*
As he leads us to his kingdom**

*Like the lightning lighting up the sky
So will the Son of Man be (Lk17.24)*

**He will come as king, *singing alleluia ...*
Rise and welcome him, *singing alleluia*
He will lead you to his kingdom**

*Stand up and hold your heads high
Because your redemption is near (Lk21.38)*

**Keep your lamp alight, *singing alleluia ...*
Stay awake and watch, *singing alleluia*
He will lead you to his kingdom**

*Be alert and pray at all times
For strength to stand before the judge (Lk21.36)*

**Come, Lord Jesus, come, *singing alleluia ...*
Come and lead us home, *singing alleluia*
Come and lead us to your kingdom**

*Lovingkindness and truth come together
Righteousness and peace embrace (Ps85.11)*

The Third Coming

With this bread that we bring

We shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring

We shall remember Jesus

Bread for his body, wine for his blood

Gifts from God to his table we bring

We shall remember Jesus



Offertory Song: Kum ba yah

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We give thanks for God's glory and goodness

♫ Holy, holy, holy, God of angel hosts

Glory, glory, glory, fills the universe

Blessed is he who leaps from heav'n to earth

Jesus, our "hosanna", holy, holy Lord

We remember Jesus' Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

**♪ Child of Bethlehem and Man of Galilee
Healer, Master, Friend and Lamb of Calvary
Host of our Mass, Companion on the Way
Risen from the dead, alive with us for ay**

*And the prayer concludes: **Amen!***

Our Father ...

As the bread is broken, the Priest sings, then all sing:

**♪ Lamb of God, in mercy, bearing sin away
Lamb of God, in mercy, bearing sin away
You give the peace this age cannot afford
Lamb of God, in mercy, holy, holy, Lord**

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world
Happy are those who are called to his supper
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
But only say the word and I shall be healed**

During Communion

**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 ...***

**O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Rejoice ...***

**O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Rejoice ...***

**O come, Adonai, 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 ...***

After Communion

**Keep us, O Lord
While we tarry on this earth
In a serious seeking after you
And in an affectionate walking with you
All the days of our life
That when you shall appear
We may be found
Not hiding our talent
Nor serving the flesh**

**Nor yet asleep
With our lamps unfurnished
But watching and waiting
And longing for you
Our glorious Lord and God
Jesus Christ our Messiah
Amen**

Notices

Blessing & Dismissal

Time is too slow for those who wait
too swift for those who fear
too long for those who grieve
too short for those who rejoice
but for those who love
time is eternity

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending
Once for our salvation slain
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train: *Alleluia!* (x3)
God appears on earth to reign

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree, *deeply wailing* (x3)
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* (x3)
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,

**high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own: *O, come quickly!* (x3)
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**