

Welcome

What is Advent?

Worship in Song

(Rainbows & Brownies bring forward flags)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news,
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns,

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,
Shout for your king, your king.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted his people:
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm:
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Video - the story of John the Baptist

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We wait with great expectancy
to see your Kingdom come.
We trust your word to be fulfilled
and pray your will be done.
So in our world of ache and loss
we're calling out, as one:

Come Lord Jesus,
we hunger and we yearn
for your return.
Come Lord Jesus,
oh we pray for your return.

You came to us so long ago
and you will come again.
We long for heaven on the earth,
an end to grief and pain.
Lord, may our lives anticipate
and usher in your reign.

Come Lord Jesus,
we long to know you here,
come and draw near.
Come Lord Jesus,
oh we long to know you here.

So lead us in your patience, Lord,
and help us match your pace,
to walk the straight and narrow road
in rhythms of your grace,
and may this Advent way of life
all hurriedness replace.

Come Lord Jesus,
and teach us how to wait,
you are not late.
Come Lord Jesus,
help us worship as we wait.

Bible Reading

Luke 3.1-6 (Church Bible page 858) *(Brownies)*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Advent Quiz

How are the Rainbows preparing for Christmas?

Interview with Gwen & Mags

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Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Talk - Damian

A Creed for Advent

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, who is full of patience.

We believe in God the Son, Saviour of creation, who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed, who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry, who frequently took time alone with his patient Father, who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant, who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and renews us, sometimes with power, and sometimes with the a quiet whisper.

We believe in one God who patiently waits for us, and who longs for us to do the same.

Confession - saying sorry

In this season of busyness, shopping, and stress, God of Light, we confess how easy it is to slip off your paths and we forget to prepare for your coming. We find ourselves jealous over the gifts others receive, yet have trouble accepting the gifts of love, mercy and peace that you give so freely.

Almighty God, our Father, we come to you with humble hearts, to confess our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish without thinking of you:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For failing you - not only by what we do, but also by our thoughts and words:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

For acting as if we were ashamed to belong to your dear Son Jesus:

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

Father, we have failed you often, and humbly ask your forgiveness: help us so to live that others may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Today

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

At the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Blessing

Go now: wait and work for the coming of the day of God. In the wild places prepare a straight path for the Lord. Lead lives of holiness and godliness, strive to be found at peace, and speak freely of the Lord's comfort and promise.

And may God our shepherd gather you in loving arms; may Christ Jesus reconcile justice and peace within you; and may the Holy Spirit baptise you into the life of God. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.