



Second Sunday of Advent
7 December 2025

Let us gather for worship

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Song

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High
The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved
The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved

Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord

Glory to the name of the Lord Most High
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord
Glory to the name of the Lord Most High

The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved
The name of the Lord is a strong tower
The righteous run into it and they are saved

Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High
Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord
Holy is the name of the Lord Most High
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be the name of the Lord Most High

Let us confess our sins

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.’
We long for the fire of God’s cleansing
to touch our unclean lips,
for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out.
So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit
with repentance in our hearts.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,**

through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song

Make way, make way
For Christ the King
In splendour arrives
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him
Into your lives

Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in

He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

And those who mourn with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify

We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!

We hear the word of God

Bible Readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Song

Good news, good news to you we bring
Alleluia!
News of great joy that angels sing
Alleluia!

Tender mercy
He has shown us
Joy to all the world
For us God sends his only Son
Alleluia!

Let earth's dark shadows fly away
Alleluia!
In Christ has dawned an endless day
Alleluia!

Now God with us on earth resides
Alleluia!

And heaven's door is open wide
Alleluia!

Mathew 3:1-12

Talk

What we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Song

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,

Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life,
Hallelujah forevermore.

Let us turn to God in prayer

The Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil and the evil one.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Final Hymn

God is working His purpose out,
as year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be:
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,
where human feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God:
“Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.”

Let us go forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world.
Let us all fight with sorrow and sin
to set the captives free,

that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed.
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed.
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Final Prayer & Blessing

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord
in all we say and do.

We ask this in his name. **Amen**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in
glory;
and the blessing ...

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Notices to take home

Sunday 7th December

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12

10.30am Morning Worship. Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12

Wednesday 10th December. Holy Communion 10am St Andrew's

Monday 8th December Prayer meeting in Church Centre 7.30pm

Sunday 14th December

9am Holy Communion. Romans 35:1-10 and Matthew 11: 2-11

10.30am CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. A family service planned especially for Children. Make a Christingle.

Wednesday 17th December. Holy Communion 10am St Peter's

Tuesday 16th December we have been invited to sing carols in the Foley Arms at 7pm. Do come along and join if you are able. More details later.

Sunday 21st December

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 7: 10-16 and Matthew 1: 18-25

4pm CAROL SERVICE

Churches together in Stourbridge

Have organised Carol singing in Town on 20th December, at 10am outside Tesco and 11am in the Ryemarket. Please come and join in as they need as many people as possible to take part in this joyful event.

Black Country Food Bank

The needs of the Foodbank are:

Tinned meat, tinned potatoes or mash, tinned vegetables,

Gravy or packets of stuffing, cartons of milk, cordial or squash, coffee, tea bags, long life fruit juice, pasta sauce or cooking sauce, instant noodles, tinned chopped tomatoes, cereals, mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned custard, savoury rice.

Shower gel, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap.

RISE COMMUNITY CHOIR

(Funded by UK Government)

Why not come and join this new choir to meet new people and have a good ole sing?

At Rufford Primary School every Thursday 2-3pm.

Free to attend, everyone welcome.

More information from Lisa on 07454314664