



8th December 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent  
St Peter's Pedmore

### Call to worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
Let us recognise his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:  
let us worship him together.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.  
Let us rejoice and shout for joy,  
giving God the glory.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. **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!)

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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!

Let us confess our sins

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people,  
we acknowledge and lament our many sins  
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,  
by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.  
We have provoked your righteous anger  
and your indignation against us.  
We earnestly repent,  
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;  
the memory of them weighs us down,  
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that from this time forward  
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will  
and give us the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

You put a new song in my mouth:  
a song of praise to you, my God.  
**You put a new song in my mouth:  
a song of praise to you, my God.**

I waited patiently for you, Lord;  
you bent down to me and heard my cry for help.  
**You put a new song in my mouth.**

Many shall see, and stand amazed,  
and put their trust in you, Lord.  
**You put a new song in my mouth.**

I love to do your will, Lord God;  
your law is deep in my heart.  
**You put a new song in my mouth.**

I proclaimed your righteousness in the gathering of  
God's people;  
I did not hold back from speaking out.  
**You put a new song in my mouth.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**  
**You put a new song in my mouth:  
a song of praise to you, my God.**

Song  
**Into the darkness of this world,**  
into the shadows of the night,  
into this loveless place you came,  
lightened our burdens, eased our pain,  
and made these hearts your home.  
Into the darkness once again,

O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come with your love to make us whole.  
Come with your light to lead us on,  
driving the darkness far from our souls:  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Into the longing of our souls,  
into these heavy hearts of stone,  
shine on us now your piercing light,  
order our lives and souls aright,  
by grace and love unknown,  
until in you our hearts unite –  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come with your love to make us whole...

O Holy Child, Emmanuel,  
Hope of the ages, God with us,  
visit again this broken place,  
till all the earth declares your praise  
and your great mercies own.  
Now let your love be born in us –  
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come with your love to make us whole...  
Come in your glory, take your place,  
Jesus, the Name above all names,  
we long to see you face to face:  
O come, Lord Jesus, come

We hear the word of God

Bible Readings  
Malachi 3 1-4  
Luke 3 1-6

Talk

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**fully God and fully human;  
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,  
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;  
we have seen his glory,  
the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

Song

**Lord, I come before Your throne of grace;**

I find rest in Your presence

And fulness of joy.

In worship and wonder

I behold Your face,

Singing what a faithful God have I.

What a faithful God have I,

What a faithful God.

What a faithful God have I,

Faithful in every way.

Lord of mercy, You have heard my cry;

Through the storm You're the beacon,

My song in the night.

In the shelter of Your wings,

Hear my heart's reply,  
Singing what a faithful God have I.

Lord all sovereign, granting peace from heaven,  
Let me comfort those who suffer  
With the comfort You have given.  
I will tell of Your great love for as long as I live,  
Singing what a faithful God have I.

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.

Prayers

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

**O come, O come, Immanuel,**  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Let us go out to serve the Lord

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son  
to come among us in great humility,  
open our eyes to look for his coming again.

**Amen.**

May God the Son  
give us grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit  
free us from sin,  
make us holy,  
and bring us to eternal life.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

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