



St Peter's Pedmore  
Advent Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Call to worship

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent wreath

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

In your tender compassion  
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us  
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

As we look for your coming among us this day,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Song

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.

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.

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.

And I'll never know  
How much it cost  
To see my sin  
Upon that cross.  
(repeat 2 more times)

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.

Let us confess our sins

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.

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you*  
from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to  
new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord our God;

**raise the roof to the Rock of rescue.**

Come into the presence of the Lord with thanks;

**raise the rafters with songs of praise.**

The Lord is the great God, over all;

**greater than every other power.**

He holds the depths of the earth in his hands,

**and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The ocean is the Lord's: it was made by God;

**the land was formed by his own hands.**

Come, let us bow before the Lord our maker;

**with humble hearts we worship God.**

The Lord is God and we are his;

**we are the Shepherd's very own flock.**

## Song

1 Sing to God new songs of worship  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm.  
He has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

2 Sing to God new songs of worship  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness.  
Sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the King!

3 Sing to God new songs of worship  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters,  
sound your praises to the Lord.  
Let the hills rejoice together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

Let us hear the word of God

## Bible Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

## Talk

Let us declare our faith in God, saying

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Song

Into the darkness of this world  
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*

Let us turn to God in prayer

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**

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.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Song

Darkness like a shroud covers the earth;  
Evil like a cloud covers the people.  
But the Lord will rise upon you,  
And His glory will appear on you-  
Nations will come to your light.

*Arise, shine, your light has come,  
The glory of the Lord has risen on you!  
Arise, shine, your light has come,  
Jesus the Light of the world has come.*

Children of the light, be clean and pure.  
Rise, you sleepers, Christ will shine on you.  
Take the Spirit's flashing two-edged sword  
And with faith declare God's mighty word;  
Stand up and in His strength be strong.

Here among us now, Christ the light  
Kindles brighter flames in our trembling hearts.  
Living Word, our I, come guide our feet  
As we walk as one in light and peace,  
Till justice and truth shine like the sun.

Like a city bright so let us blaze;  
Lights in every street turning night to day.  
And the darkness shall not overcome  
Till the fulness of Christ's kingdom comes,  
Dawning to God's eternal day.

Let us go out to serve God

**Lord our God, on the first day of creation you made the  
light that scatters the darkness.  
Let Christ, the light of lights, hidden from all eternity, shine  
at last on your people and free us from the darkness of sin.  
Fill our lives with joy as we go out to welcome your Son at  
his coming.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to  
be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first  
coming that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Song

1 Christ is surely coming bringing his reward,  
Alpha and Omega, First and Last and Lord:  
Root and stem of David, brilliant Morning Star:  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far;  
meet your Judge and Saviour, nations near and far!

2 See the holy city! There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy, washed from every sin:  
thirsty ones, desiring all he loves to give,  
come for living water, freely drink, and live;  
come for living water, freely drink, and live!

3 Grace be with God's people! Praise his holy name!  
Father, Son, and Spirit, evermore the same.  
Hear the certain promise from the eternal home:  
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come;  
'Surely I come quickly!' Come, Lord Jesus, come!

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 of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Notice to take home

### 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion Jeremaih 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

10.30 am Morning Worship Jeremaih 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

3.00 pm Messy Christmas Craft

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion at St Peter's

### 8<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

10.30 am Morning Worship Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion at St Andrew's

### **Christmas Fayre**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in aid of St Peter's Church. From 10.00 am - 12 o'clock. Admission £3 to include Tea/Coffee and mincepie. Contact: Kyrle Mitchell 01562 886357

Wanted all things with **chocolate** in them, e.g. biscuits, cereals, sweets, chocolate bars, drinks, for a **CHOCOHOLIC Game** at our Christmas Fayre. Please leave items in box at back of Church or in the Church Office.

Thankyou Mary Medcraft

Any bottles please for Pauline Rollason's Tombola table - thank you

If you can provide cakes (big or small) for the produce stall that would be great – please bring them along before the start of the Fair.

### **Christmas tree festival**

This will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> from 12.00 pm if you can help with serving refreshments and stewarding please have a word.

### **Carol singing at the Foley Arms**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm – if you have instrument that you can play please do bring it along.

### **Christmas information delivery**

The Christmas service information is now available it needs to get round the streets of the parish ideally by 15<sup>th</sup> December – please take as many as you can manage.

### **Churches Together in Stourbridge**

Are Carol singing on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. They will be outside Tesco at 10.00 am and then move to the Ryemarket, by the empty shop next to ECO Maniax. For 11.00 am

### **An eco tip**

Celebrate a Greener Christmas. Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious.

Explore A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas at [arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas](http://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas)

### **Black Country Food Bank**

The on-going needs and these are: Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit in Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jar Coffee, 1LT Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shower Gel and Roll on Deodorant.

### **It's Pantomime Season Again - Oh, No it isn't: Oh, Yes it is!**

Saltmine Theatre Company are putting on a reimagined version of the classic pantomime **Jack and the Beanstalk** at Stourbridge Town Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm. This is a part of their national tour. Saltmine's reworking of the story reminds us that we never have to face our fears alone - there is always someone bigger who has already overcome.

Tickets are available from Dudley Council Plus on 01384 812812 or online at [www.boroughhalls.co.uk](http://www.boroughhalls.co.uk) priced at £9 for adults and £7 for children.

Please see the poster at the back of church or speak to Richard Sarjeant for more details.