

FULL LITURGICAL ORDER OF SERVICE
for use in worship with the music of the CD.

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A New

Song

Advent Festival of Hope and Light
(The Advent Vigil)

Music recorded by the Choir and Musicians
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Introduction to 'A New Song'

An Advent liturgy is not just about looking forward to Christmas. Although this service is rich in its references to the Christmas festival, its main focus is the expectation of the fullness of God's Kingdom of justice and peace on earth. It is a celebration of God "arriving" in many situations; it is an expression of all humanity's longing for God's kingdom, in this world and the next.

In this Advent liturgy, the character of God's Kingdom is explored, together with a focus on Blessed Mary, Mother of our Lord, who is a supreme example of faithfulness to God and love for Jesus. In Mary we see the grace of God in action: in her response to God and as a deeply spiritual person; responses to which all humanity are called.

So in this service we confess our own lack of holiness and obedience, and we renew our hope and trust in the promises of God. We pray for the Church and for the world that God's Kingdom may grow on earth. And we ask for the courage, vision and grace to play our faithful part.

The third movement of this liturgy, celebrating the Vision of God's Kingdom, concludes with the first real highpoint of the service, with the anthem that gives its name to the liturgy, 'A New Song' by James MacMillan, and the great Advent hymn, 'O come O come Emmanuel.'

The final movement of the service challenges us to be ready at all times to be part of the glory of God's Kingdom. It bursts upon us in the liturgy, reflecting the way that unexpected glimpses of the Kingdom suddenly illuminate people's lives.

The whole liturgy takes place as a movement from darkness to light. The lighted candles held by the congregation symbolise the light of Christ already given us in Jesus Christ. The light is also a symbol of our own willingness to trust in the promises of God, and to have courage and determination to work for the Kingdom on earth.

The liturgy is also a procession, symbolised by a progression in the places from where the readings are read. Our journey to the Kingdom is a pilgrimage; and liturgical processions are symbols of Christian pilgrimage. We follow in the way of the Cross, travelling by the light of the Gospel, travelling together while singing, praising and serving God.

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Organ Voluntary [CD tr.1]

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599 – J S Bach
Now come, Saviour of the gentiles.

Procession of Light

When the organ music comes to an end, the congregation stands.

During the Responsory the candles of the congregation are lighted as symbols of the light of Christ that shines in the darkness of our world.

Matin Responsory [CD tr.2]

Music: Christopher Borrett

I look from afar, and lo,
I see the power of God coming
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to see him and say:
'Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?'

High and low, rich and poor,
one with another,
go ye out to meet him and say:
'Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
tell us, art thou he that should come?'

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come
to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost

I look from afar, and lo,
I see the power of God coming
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to see him and say:
'Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?'

Words: from a medieval Roman office

All stand.

Gospel of the Light

Minister The Lord is my light and my salvation.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation.

You turn our darkness into light

All The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Your word is a lantern to my feet

All The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation.

John 1.1-5

First Reading [CD tr.3]

read from the West end of the church.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Minister The Light of Christ in glory shining.
All **Scatter the darkness within our hearts.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving [CD tr.3]

Minister Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe,
Eternal creator of light and darkness.
In this season of Advent,
when the sun's light is swallowed up
by the growing darkness of the night,
you renew your promise to reveal among us
the splendour of your glory,
made flesh and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son.

Through the prophets you teach us
to hope for his reign of peace.
Through the outpouring of his Spirit,
you open our blindness to the glory of his presence.
Strengthen us in our weakness;
support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will,
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
For to you all honour and blessing are due,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn [CD tr.4]

Melody adapted by M Praetorius, harm. G R Woodward

The Reading station moves to the centre aisle of the Nave.

Solo

Come thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

All

**Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to man displayed.**

From **God the Father** he
proceeds,
to **God the Father** back he speeds;
Runs out his course to death and
hell,
returns on **God's high throne** to
dwell.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter
bright,
and darkness glow with new-born
light,
no more shall night extinguish
day,
where love's bright beams their
power display.

O Jesus, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the **Father** we adore,
and **Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

Words: St Ambrose, tr. J M Neale and others

Call to Penitence

The congregation sit down and extinguish their candles.

Adam lay ybounden

Adam lay y-bounden,
bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden
written in their book.

Choir Carol [CD tr.5]

Music: Ben Parry

Ne had the apple taken been,
the apple taken been
ne had never our Lady
abeen heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
that apple taken was,
therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!

Words: 15th century. English

Genesis 3.8-13

read from the middle of the Nave aisle.

The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

Second Reading [CD tr.6]

He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

Reader The Light of Christ in glory shining.
 All Scatter the darkness within our hearts.

Choir Motet [CD tr.7]

Music: William Byrd

Rorate Caeli

Rorate caeli desuper,
et nubes pluant justum:
aperiatur terra,
et germinet salvatorem.

*Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
Let the earth open and bring forth a
Saviour.*

Benedixisti, Domine, terram
 tuam:
avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

*Lord, thou hast blessed thy land:
Thou hast turned away the captivity of
Jacob.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui
 Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Words: Isaiah 45:8

Kneel or sit.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister For our sins of indifference to the oppressed, the homeless, the unemployed, the persecuted, those in need, and for our other sins, let us call to God for help.

All Let our prayer come into your presence.

Minister Lord God, we come to you with sorrow for our sins, and we ask for your help and strength. Help us to know ourselves and to acknowledge our weakness. Strengthen us with your forgiving love, so that we may more courageously follow and obey your Son. **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept for self examination.

ALL **Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others;
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness
of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and
strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand.

Minister Lead us not into temptation
ALL **to be deaf to the cry of the oppressed
to be silent in the face of injustice.**

ALL Lead us not into temptation
to retreat into guilt, to retreat into hopelessness.

ALL Lead us not into temptation
to deny the Kingdom, to turn from the Gospel.

ALL God of the dawn, provider of our daily bread, we pray for each
other, and for all who look for the coming of your Kingdom.
**We will be restless until your Kingdom comes
and we rest in you. Amen.**

The Reading station moves to the front of the Nave.

Hymn [CD tr.8]

Music: Highwood, R R Terry (1865-1938)

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf and dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed;
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

Words: F W H Myers (1843-1901)

The Vision of the Kingdom of God

Choir Anthem [CD tr.9]

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love:
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create,
The next thing which to you I'll tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose,
And so a promise soon did run,
That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at this season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear,
And here did live, and here did
preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be
saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did
say.

Words: English traditional

Kneel or Sit.

Intercession

A minister lights the first candle on the Advent ring.

Minister The Light of Christ in glory shining.
All **Scatter the darkness within our hearts.**

Minister Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the broken hearted,
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept for an extended period of time for personal prayer.

Then we pray together:

**All Almighty God,
as your blessed Son, Jesus Christ,
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please sit.

Third Reading [CD tr.10]

Isaiah 52.13 – 53.6

read from the front of the Nave.

The reader lights the second candle on the Advent ring.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Choir Carol [CD tr.11]

Tune: Joubert

There is no rose.

There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
heaven and earth in little space.
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
there be one God in Persons Three.
Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyous birth:
Transeamus.

Words: 15th Century, English

Fourth Reading [CD tr.12]

Colossians 3. 1-4, 12-15

read from the front of the Nave.

The reader lights the third candle on the Advent ring.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

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Choir Anthem [CD tr.13]

Music: C V Stanford

How beauteous are their feet.

How beauteous are at their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill;
Who bring salvation on their tongues
And words of peace reveal!

How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound
Which kings and prophets waited for
And sought, but never found!

How blessed are our eyes
That see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare His arm
Through all the earth abroad.
Let every nation now behold
Their Saviour and their God.

Fifth Reading [CD tr.14]

Revelation 21. 1-7

read from the front of the Nave.

The reader lights the fourth candle on the Advent ring.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

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Choir Anthem [CD tr.15]

Music: James MacMillan

A New Song.

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise His name;
be telling of His salvation from day to day.
For He cometh, to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with His truth.

Words: Psalm 96

Offering Hymn [CD tr.16]

French Missal. adapt. T Helmore

A collection may be taken during this hymn.

The Reading station moves to the Lady Chapel.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Wisdom from on
high!
who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.**

Rejoice....

**O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain,
clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

Rejoice....

**O come, thou Root of Jesse, draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from those dread caverns
of the grave,
from nether hell thy people save.**

Rejoice....

**O come, thou Lord of David's
Key,
the royal door fling wide and
free;
safeguard for us the heavenward
road,
and bar the way to death's
abode.**

Rejoice....

**O come, O come, thou
Dayspring bright,
pour on our souls thy healing
light;
Dispel the long night's lingering
gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the
tomb.**

Rejoice....

**O come, Desire of nations! show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall.**

Rejoice....

*Advent antiphons,
tr. T A Lacey and others*

The Announcement of the Kingdom

Sixth Reading [CD tr.17]

Luke I. 26-38

read from the Lady Chapel.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reader The Light of Christ in glory shining.
All **Scatter the darkness within our hearts.**

Choir Carol [CD tr.18]

Music: John Scott

Nova! Nova!

Nova! nova! 'Ave' fit ex 'Eva'.
(News! News! 'Ave' has been made from 'Eve')

Gabriel of high degree,
He came down from Trinity
To Nazareth in Galilee,

He met a maiden in a place;
He kneelèd down before her face.
He said: "Hail, Mary, full of grace!"

When the maid heard tell of this,
She was full sore abashed, lwys,
And wened that she had done
amiss.

Then said the angel: "Dread not
you,
You shall conceive in all virtue
A child whose name shall be Jesu.

"It is not fully six months ago,
Since Elizabeth conceived John.
As it was prophesied ere long."

Then said the maiden verily:
"I am your servant right truly,
Ecce ancilla Domini."
(Lo, the handmaid of the Lord.)

Words: 15th century, English

The Challenge to Readiness

All stand.

Hymn [CD tr.19]

Tune: Little Cornard, Martin Shaw

*During the hymn the candles of the congregation are re-lighted
as symbols of our hope and trust in God.*

The Reading station moves to the sanctuary.

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing:
Christ comes with righteousness
and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise
true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,**

**praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know
their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest
night.**

**Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the universe be blest.**

C E Oakley

Remain standing.

Waiting on God

*When all the people have a lighted candle,
we wait in silence for a short while.*

Minister We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,
All in the midst of your temple.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
All and all flesh shall see it together.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
All and grant us your salvation.

All please sit.

Out of your Sleep

Out of your sleep arise and wake,
For God mankind now hath ytake
All of a maid without any make;
Of all women she beareth the bell.

And through a maidè fair and wise,
Now man is made of full great price;
Now angels knelen to man's service,
And at this time all this befell.

Now man is brighter than the sun;
Now man in heav'n on high shall won;
Blessèd be God this game is begun
And his mother the Empress of hell.

Choir Carol [CD tr.20]

Music: Richard Rodney Bennett

That ever was thrall now is he free;
That ever was small now great is she;
Now shall God deem both thee and me
Unto his bliss if we do well.

Now man he may to heaven wend;
Now heav'n and earth to him they bend.
He that was foe now is our friend.
This is no nay that I you tell.

Now blessèd Brother grant us grace,
At doomès day to see thy face,
And in thy court to have a place,
That we may there sing thee nowell.

Words: 15th century, English

Please stand.

Advent Gospel [CD tr.21]

Minister We proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
All And ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake.

All For the God who said "Let light shine out of darkness"
has caused his light to shine within us.

All To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Minister Hear the Good News according to Luke
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 21.29-38

read from the Sanctuary.

Jesus told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Please sit.

Choir Anthem [CD tr.22]

C Wood

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

H R Bramley

Collect and Lord's Prayer [CD tr.23]

We all stand to pray.

Minister O Lord, you have set before us
the great hope that your Kingdom shall come on earth,
and have taught us to pray for its coming:
give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning,
and to work for the perfect day when your will shall be done
on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Minister Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom.

**All 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.**

Blessing [CD tr.23]

Minister 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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn [CD tr.24]

*Melody noted by T Olivers 1725-99
included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765*

Lo, he comes with clouds
 descending.
Once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold
 him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree;
 deeply wailing,
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
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:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou
 alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Please remain standing.

Vesper Responsory [CD tr.25]

Music: Christopher Borrett

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow, go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

based on 2 Chronicles 20.17

Organ Voluntary [CD tr.26]

Adagio in E - Frank Bridge

The congregation is welcome to sit and listen to the organist play.

Thank you for sharing in the service. Go in peace.

Notes for using the CD in an act of worship

- Do print this complete service booklet so all the words can be available to the congregation, and so that all may enter fully into the devotion. Remember to add your CCLI number.
- The CD track numbers are indicated in the order of service in square brackets, e.g. [CD tr.1]. If so desired, the length of the service can be trimmed by omitting tracks 7, 9 and 20.
- There are many spoken sections which can be read by a leader or reader together with the congregation. These are better offered in person rather than via the CD . The operator of the CD player should therefore familiarise themselves with going straight to a particular track. A technical rehearsal with the leader of the service is advisable.
- A few responsive sections of the full printed liturgical Order of Service are not included at all on the CD. These are indicated in the Order of Service booklet by double borders, as for this note.
- It is advisable to use as good and powerful sound system as is available for playing the CD in an act of worship. There is a lot of inspiring music and a good system will be more engaging and involving for the congregation.
- It is recommended that the congregation sings along with the CD for the hymns. As some of them may not be familiar, it might be good to have a rehearsal of one or two before the service.
- The congregation should be given handheld candles to use during the service, with stewards briefed to pass the light around at the appropriate points.
- The order recommends that the place from where each reading is read, progresses from the west end of the church up to the sanctuary. This can be accompanied by progressively switching on more and more lights in the church, as part of the congregation's journey from darkness to light.
- If as a result of using this CD in worship, you feel that others would benefit from any additional notes or rubrics, do please let me know and I can update this booklet. Please contact me on:
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