

Sunday 1st December, 2024
The First Sunday in Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations
Introit
Call to Worship

Hymn 279 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

1 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.

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

Refrain

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

Refrain

4 We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all.

To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall!

Refrain

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Call to Prayer
Prayers of Approach and Confession
Children's Address
The Advent Wreath

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming (v.1)

Christmas is coming,
the Church is glad to sing,
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.

1 The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.

Chorus

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Jeremiah, Chapter 33, verses 14-16

Anthem

St. Luke, Chapter 21, verses 25-36

Hymn 21 Lord, teach me all your ways,(Psalm 25)

- 1 Lord, teach me all your ways,
reveal your paths to me ;
and lead me in your saving truth,
show me what I should be.
- 2 Remember, Lord, your love,
your care from ages past ;
and in that love remember me,
in kindness hold me fast.
- 3 Forget my youthful faults,
forgive my sinful ways ;
within the kindness of your love
remember me always.
- 4 God, who is just and good,
shows all who sin his way ;
he leads the humble in right paths,
their teacher day by day.
- 5 All pathways of the Lord
are kindly, true, and sure
to those who keep his covenant
and in his ways endure.

Psalm 25 (ii), verses 4, 5a, 6-10
The Scottish Psalter, 1929 (*alt.*)

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn
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Prayers of Intercession

Baptismal Hymn Wonder of wonders, here revealed;

Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God's covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see
God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
In loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old,
We welcome now into Christ's fold,
To know with us God's loving care;
Here all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew,
Stretch wide our sights to global view,
And claim with Christians far and near
A larger family held dear.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

Hymn 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world;

1. The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
"With power, with justice, he will walk his way!"
2. The Lord has said, "Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"
3. "The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
he binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"
4. "Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"
5. "His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
the lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
and prisoners laugh in light and liberty:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979) Music Sydney Watson (1903-1991)

Benediction

Choral Amen