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Sunday 27 November 2022

Advent 1, Year A

10.30am Worship Service

SONG: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

<https://youtu.be/6CKCThJB5w0>

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.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
O so highly exalted.
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came
to the earth
You created;
All of love's sake, became poor.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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***Here I am to worship,
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Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
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Altogether wonderful to me.***

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WELCOME

WE GREET EACH OTHER

IN THE NAME...

SONG: GOOD GOOD FATHER

<https://youtu.be/qlsQrycKKsY>

**I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone**

***You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am***

Verse 2

**I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word**

***You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am***

(Bridge)

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

Verse 3

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love**

***You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am***

(Bridge)

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The first candle – symbol of love

God showed how much he loves us by giving us his Son to be our Saviour. Jesus loves us so much that he gave up his life to pay for our sins. Because God loves us so much, we ought also to love another

(1 John 4: 7 – 11)

THEME OF THE DAY

1 John 4:9 – 10

“God’s Christmas gift:
given to say, “**I love you**””
God’s Christmas Gift (1)

BIBLE READING

[1 John 4:7 – 16](#)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE I love you!

- * How many people are there in your family?
How many people has God given you to love in your family?
Mum, dad, brothers, sisters

Who else has God given you to love?

Grandparents. Aunties and Uncles, cousins, friends

- * How can you show them that you love them?
 - ◆ *By telling them, "I love you!" (Words of Affirmation)*
 - ◆ *By doing them for them (Acts of service)*
 - ◆ *By giving them gifts (Gifts)*
 - ◆ *By giving them a hug (Physical touch)*
 - ◆ *By spending time with them (Quality time)*
 - ◆ *(cf. The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman)*
- * How do you think that God shows us that He loves us?
 - ◆ *By giving us the gift of His Son, Jesus, at the first Christmas (Gift)*
 - ◆ *By telling us through Jesus (Words)*
 - ◆ *By having Jesus die on the cross for us (Acts of Service)*
 - ◆ *By looking after us (Acts of service)*

Plus other ways reflecting Gary Chapman's The Five Love Languages

- * Christmas is special! It is the time when we remember just how much God loves us: enough to send His Son to be born as a little baby for us!

Let's sing about what the greatest Christmas gift is, as we sing the song, "The Greatest Christmas gift" by Colin Buchanan

CHILDREN'S SONG

"The Greatest Christmas gift"

by Colin Buchanan

<https://youtu.be/x4LsCLzqx3U>

Lyrics:

**Whaddya wanna get this year for Christmas? (Christmas?)
Whaddya want beneath that Christmas tree? (Christmas tree?)
Whaddya want stuffed in that Christmas stocking? (Stocking?)
What's the greatest Christmas gift that there could be? (Well tell me then!)**

**Is it on the TV? (I don't think so)
Or is a CD? (Oh, maybe!)
Or maybe a DVD that everybody wants! (Oh, how exciting!)
Is it a new pet? (A parrot?)
Some sort of sports set? (How's that!)
Or something you've been wishing for and dreaming of all year?**

**Whaddya wanna get this year for Christmas? (Christmas?)
Whaddya want beneath that Christmas tree? (Christmas tree?)
Whaddya want stuffed in that Christmas stocking? (Stocking?)
What's the greatest Christmas gift that there could be? (Well tell me!)**

**Well, is it a bike to ride? (Ooh)
Some sorta super slide! (Whoop-ee!)
Or something that you like that's really, really cool? (Really cool!)
One of those action toys (Ka-pow!)
Does it make a lotta noise? (Aw, keep it down!)
Have you made yourself a little list, checked it once or twice? (Or maybe thrice!)**

What if God gave us
A King to save us!
And forgave us for all our sin and greed?
Well, that's what He's done
By sending His own son!
For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given...

[Chorus]

Jesus is the greatest gift at Christmas (Ah-hah!)
You won't find him underneath that Christmas tree? (Hah-hah!)
'Cause most of all, us sinners need a saviour
Come and see the greatest Christmas gift
Look to Jesus Christ and live!

CREEDAL SONG: ALL THIS I BELIEVE

<https://youtu.be/FtUNQpu2b7Q> (end at 5:03)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

Chorus

**I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

Chorus

***For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

***I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus***

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MESSAGE:

1 John 4:9 – 10

“God’s Christmas gift: given to say, “**I love you**”” *God’s Christmas Gift (1)*

Click [HERE](#) to view the message on YouTube

SONG: HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE

<https://youtu.be/czB6vmIvyaU?t=84>

**How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a Cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart;
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

In joyful expectation of the coming of our Lord Jesus to help us, let us pray to him.

The regular response, OR:

We pray to the Lord:

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Suggested intercessions

- * Lord Jesus, you came as a shepherd for your people. Gather all people into your church.
- * Lord Jesus, you have taught us to worship you. Keep the whole church in your truth until you come again as our Lord and King.
- * Lord Jesus, you came to be the prince of peace. Bring peace to the world, especially to those countries which are at war.
- * Lord Jesus, creation groans for your coming. Come and redeem the world and all that is in it.
- * Lord Jesus, you entered our world and shared our weakness. Bring health to the sick and give the dying a share in your glory.
- * Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself to become a human being. Be with all who are poor and powerless in our society.
- * Lord Jesus, prepare us for your coming at the end of time. Help us to be sorry for our sins and work for peace between all people.

Concluding prayer

Come, Lord Jesus. Give us courage as we wait in hope. Raise us to the joy of your kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

SONG: YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

<https://youtu.be/YNp1py98YPY>

**I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted;
You were condemned.
I'm alive and well,
Your Spirit is within me
Because you died
and rose again.**

**Amazing love,
How can it be
That you, my King,
Would die for me?
Amazing love,
I know it's true;
It's my joy to honour You.
In all I do
I honour You.**

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