

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 27 November 2022

Advent 1, Year A

9am Matins

HYMN: LHS 731 COME LORD JESUS COME

<https://youtu.be/7fCS3gQfLiI>

*Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.*

**Wars have come and wars have gone;
come, Lord, come!
Still the cry goes up, 'How long?'
Come, Lord, come!**

**Hearts are breaking, tears fall down;
come, Lord, come!
Come and free us, we are bound,
Come, Lord, come.**

**Darkness grows as night wears on;
come, Lord, come!
Will we live to see the dawn?
Come, Lord, come!**

**Nations rise and nations fall;
come, Lord, come!
God is with us through it all,
Come, Lord, come!**

*Words & Music: Robin Mann 1949 (1976)
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WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will tell of your praise.

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
**as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore.
Amen. Hallelujah!**

SENTENCES OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

- 1 O come, let us sing to the *Lord*,
let us shout aloud to the rock of *our* salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with *thanksgiving*,
let us shout aloud to *him* with songs of praise.
- 3 For the Lord is a great *God*,
and a great King *above* all gods.
- 4 In his hands are the depths of the *earth*;
the heights of the mountains are *his* also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he *made* it,
and his hands *formed* the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow *down*,
let us kneel before the *Lord*, our maker.
- 7 For he is our *God*,
and we are the people of his pasture, *and the *sheep* in his care.
Glory to the Father and the *Son*
and the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,
and will be forevermore. Amen.

O come, let us worship the *Lord*, for *he* is our maker.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Cleanse our consciences, Lord,
and enlighten our hearts,
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ.
Make us ready
when he comes again in glory
to be our judge.
For he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

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)

READINGS

The *first* reading is written [Isaiah 2:1 – 5](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The *second* reading is written in [1 John 4:7 – 16](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The gospel reading is written in [Matthew 24:36 – 44](#)

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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!**

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,
that I may walk in your truth.
Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.
Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

HYMN: LH391 THE KING OF LOVE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcCwUF0s_-Y

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.**

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Music J B Dykes 1823-1876 (1868)

SERMON:

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

HYMN: LHS805 WE ARE HEIRS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srr2KvQxDrE>

**We are heirs of the Father,
We are joint-heirs with the Son,
We are children of the Kingdom,
We are family, we are one.**

**We are washed, we are sanctified,
We are ransomed by his blood;
We are strengthened by the Spirit,
We are children of the Lord.**

**We are members of his body,
We are people whom he loves,
He will change us to be like him
When we see him face to face.**

**We shall live with him for ever,
Men and angels shout and sing.
Free salvation has been given
To the family of the King!**

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OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

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.**

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all

Amen.

HYMN LH595 LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

https://youtu.be/F-Bf_f2NM_8

**Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; thanks for mercies
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
thanks for mercies past receive;
pardon all, their faults confessing;
time that's lost may all retrieve;
may thy children,
ne'er again thy Spirit grieve.**

**Let thy father-hand be shielding
all who here shall meet no more;
may their seed-time past be yielding
year by year a richer store;
those returning,
make more faithful than before.**

Words: Henry James Buckoll, 1843