

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 28th November 2021
Advent 1, Year C
9am Matins

HYMN: LH 2 “O COME O COME IMMANUEL”

https://youtu.be/7xtpJ4Q_Q-4?t=3

**O come, O come, Immanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear:**

***Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o’er the grave:**

**O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight:**

**O come, Thou key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the path that leads on high,
And close the path to misery:**

*Words: Veni, veni, Immanuel
From the Great O Antiphons
12th – 13th century
Tr John Mason Neale, 1851/1859
Music: from early sources
Ad T Helmore 1811-1890 (1854)*

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:

Jesus, Son of God,
you have promised to return
at a time that no one knows.
Keep us watchful in prayer
and strong in faith
as we wait for you to come.
For you live and reign
with the Father 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:

Mark 1:1

“Should Christmas be banned?”

Christmas according to the Gospel Writers: Mark (1)

READINGS

The *first* reading is written [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The *second* reading is written in [1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The gospel reading is written in [Mark 1:1-8](#)

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE “Get ready, get ready...”

* I want to read to you another story from THE BEGINNER'S BIBLE. This one is about how Mary found out that she was going to be pregnant, and have a special baby: God's Son. It's called: “An angel visits Mary”, and it's found online at: <https://youtu.be/fyROlxkcne8>

So that's how Mary found out that she was going to have a baby....

- * How do you think that she got ready to have her baby?
Well, she went off to tell her cousin Elizabeth about what had happened.... And then she had to tell her parents, and Joseph, her fiancé.... And then probably she to do some of the normal things: like pack clothes for the birth of a baby....
- * How are you getting ready for the birth of Jesus? How are you getting ready for Christmas?
Christmas Tree, decorations, list of presents that you want, what we are going to do at Christmas....
- * What else are you doing here at church?
Getting a part for Christmas Eve, learning a Children's song for Christmas Eve, hearing the Christmas story at Lighthouse, reading the Christmas story in THE BEGINNER'S BIBLE....
- * So now, like Mary, we are getting ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, and we are also thinking of being ready for Jesus comes again (*point upwards*).
- * How do you think that we that you can be ready for Jesus?
By being baptised, and having Jesus as our Friend and our Saviour.

CHILDRENS SONG "Get ready"

- * There is a song about being ready for Jesus' coming that we'll be listening to in church. The chorus goes like this:
**Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready,
Jesus is coming soon! O yes!
Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready,
Jesus is really true! O yes! (ATW #420).**

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: LHS 732 “COMFORT COMFORT”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1x7V9N583Q>

***Comfort, comfort all my people
With the comfort of my Word.
Speak it tender to my people
All your sins are taken away.***

**Though your tears be rivers running,
Though your tears be an ocean full,
Though you cry with the hurt of living:
Comfort, comfort.**

**Every valley shall be lifted,
Every mountain shall be low,
Every rough place will be smoother:
Comfort, comfort.**

**Though your eyes see only darkness,
Though your eyes can see no light,
Though your eyes see pain and sorrow:
Comfort, comfort.**

**Every night will have its morning,
Every pain will have an end,
Every burden will be lightened:
Comfort, comfort.**

*Based on Isaiah 40: 1-5
Words and music: Robin Mann 1949 – (1975)
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SERMON:

Mark 1:1

“Should Christmas be banned?”

Christmas according to the Gospel Writers: Mark (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: LHS 746 “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

<https://youtu.be/wO8qluGa-tM>

**What child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass were feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

**Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born.
The babe, the son of Mary.**

*Words: William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898
Music: Traditional English 16th century*

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

Our Lord Jesus Christ commands us to keep alert and pray. Let us come to our Father in heaven in prayer, confident that he will hear the prayers we offer in Jesus' name.

The regular response, OR:

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Suggested intercessions

- * that the church would always remain ready and watchful for the coming of Christ
- * that those who are caught up in the worries of this life may be set free by the hope of the coming kingdom of God
- * that the leaders of our nation's governments would have the wisdom to look beyond the here and now and plan for future generations
- * that we would see our lives from God's perspective
- * that the coming season of summer may be one of rest and recreation for our land and its people

Concluding prayer

Lord God, since we do not know the day or the hour that your Son will come with great power and glory, keep us always awake and alert, awaiting our Saviour with joyful expectation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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: LHS 733 "DAUGHTER OF ZION"

https://youtu.be/bVQg_-e9fU4?t=1

**Daughter of Zion, O rejoice!
Shout aloud, Jerusalem!
See, your King now comes to you;
yes, he comes, the Prince of peace.
Daughter of Zion, O rejoice!
Shout aloud, Jerusalem!**

Note: We don't have a version of the traditional hymn, but here's an inspiring version that still praises the birth of Jesus.

**Hail, hosanna, David's Son,
come and bless your people now.
Your eternal kingdom come;
praise be sung to you on high.
Hail, hosanna, David's Son,
come and bless your people now.**

**Hail hosanna, David's Son,
welcome Jesus, gentle King.
Firmly stands your throne of peace,
you the Father's only Son.
Hail, hosanna, David's Son,
welcome, Jesus, gentle King.**

*Words: Heinrich Ranke 1797-1876
Music: George Frederick Händel 1685-1759 (1746)*