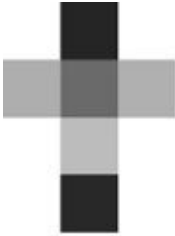


Welcome to the



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A Prayer for Advent

"God our Saviour,
walk toward us on a path of peace;
encourage us, in our loneliness and yearning,
take us in your arms and lift us up,
enable us to receive your goodness and grace,
to perceive your glory already around us,
here and now, and to believe
that justice and peace
can indeed go hand in hand. Amen."

From "Advent Readings from Iona"

Order of Service for the 1st Sunday in Advent
3rd December 2017
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Call to Worship – Psalm 80:17 (congregational lines in bold)

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

Restore us, O God;

make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smoulder
against the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

**You have made us an object of derision
to our neighbours, and our enemies mock us.**

Restore us, God Almighty;

make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you;

revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, LORD God Almighty;

make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Introit: **Magnificat** *Taizé, Jacques Berthier*

(Choir)

Magnificat Magnificat.

Magnificat anima mea Dominum

Magnificat Magnificat.

Magnificat anima mea

(Sing out my soul,

Sing out my soul,

Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.)

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Praise: O come, O come, Emmanuel

(MP 493)

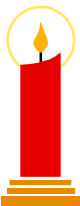
- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

- 2 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice, rejoice . . .

- 3 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.
Rejoice, rejoice . . .

- 4 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.
Rejoice, rejoice . . .

- 5 O come, Thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice, rejoice . . .



Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle a Candle of Hope

Hymn: A candle is burning

(Tune of 'Away in a manger')

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession concluding with The 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Praise: The voice of God goes out to all the world (CH4 283)
Tune: Woodlands, No.286

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 flesh,
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 heals with his strong 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 open 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.

Readings: **1 Corinthians 1: 3 9**

(p. 1144)

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13: 24 – 37

(p. 1019)

24 “But in those days, following that distress, “ ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.

30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.

37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’ ”

Reflection

Praise: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

(MP 424)

1 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain:
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of His train;
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold Him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold Him,

pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
 deeply wailing . . .
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear!
All His saints, by man rejected,
now shall meet Him in the air.
 Hallelujah . . .
see the day of God appear.

4 Yea, amen! let all adore Thee
high on Thy eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom of Thine own;
 hallelujah . . .
everlasting God, come down!

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

(Choir)

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank of rank the host of heaven

spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry;
Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia,
Lord most high!

Church News

Prayers for Others *Elder*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Praise: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us (MP 435)

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring Your love and goodness in:
Jesus, our love for You we sing –
 living Lord!
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
teach us how to pray, Son of God;
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of You:
into our lives Your power breaks through –
 living Lord!
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, You have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's son;

led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free:
living Lord Jesus, help us see
 You are Lord!

- 4 Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to You,
live my life for You, Son of God;
all Your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new:
into my life Your power breaks through –
 living Lord!

Prayer and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving – which begins:

May God be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to Christ.*

Let us give thanks to our Redeemer.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And in which please say, after the words, "... your people in heaven and earth, saying:"

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Glory be to you, O God most high.

Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Saviour.

Hosanna in the highest!

Then, before the distribution of the bread and wine:

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, redeemer of the world, *grant us peace.*

Praise: Christ is coming! Tune: Regent Square

(CH4 475)

1 Christ is coming! let creation
from her groans and travail cease;
let the glorious proclamation
hope restore and faith increase:

Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come now, blessed Prince of Peace.

2 Earth can now but tell the story
of your bitter cross and pain;
she shall yet behold your glory;
in your coming back to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
'Come, Lord Jesus, come again!'

3 Long your exiles have been pining,
far from you, and rest, and home:
but, in heavenly glory shining,
soon their loving Lord shall come:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Haste the joyous jubilee.

4 With that blessed hope before us,
harps be played and songs be sung;
let the mighty advent chorus
onward roll from tongue to tongue:
'Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!'

Benediction and 3fold Amen

Go now in peace ...

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year,
our service on 24th December will mark both
4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve,
so there will be no Christmas Eve evening service.

We shall, however, gather for Christmas family celebration
on Christmas Day itself at 10.30am.

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Rebecca Taylor on her birthday.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 10 Dec Service for the 2nd Sunday in Advent at 10.30am
Tuesday 12 Dec Consistory Meeting at 7.45pm

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Choir; Anneke Pot

Bible Reader: Molly Foster

Welcome: Teun Karreman & James Essel

Crèche: Meriam van der Velden & Chanté Fleming

DeaconsCounting: Frieda Enow & Evelyn Koomson

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Menen Tessema & Evelyn Koomson

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Church News of 03.12.17 announced by the Elder

- **The Adult Young Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.
- The **Ladies Bible Study** continues **Monday 4th December** 8pm @ Rev. Irene Bom's **until 11 December**, with a 3week break for the Christmas holidays, resuming on Monday, 8 January. Each week someone else will lead the session on a topic of their choice. The plan is to finish the last four chapters of "A heart for God" in the New Year.
All ladies are welcome, also if you can only come every now and then.

Meetings Mondays 8pm (7.30 pm if you'd like to have a bite to eat beforehand, but call/sms by Saturday afternoon if you like that) Irene Bom, Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam 0652576892
irene.bom@xs4all.nl

- **The Alpha Course continues on Wednesday 5th December.**
Topic: *"Does God heal today?"*
- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs, with a copy to take away.
- ***Please note: the spoken word counts!***