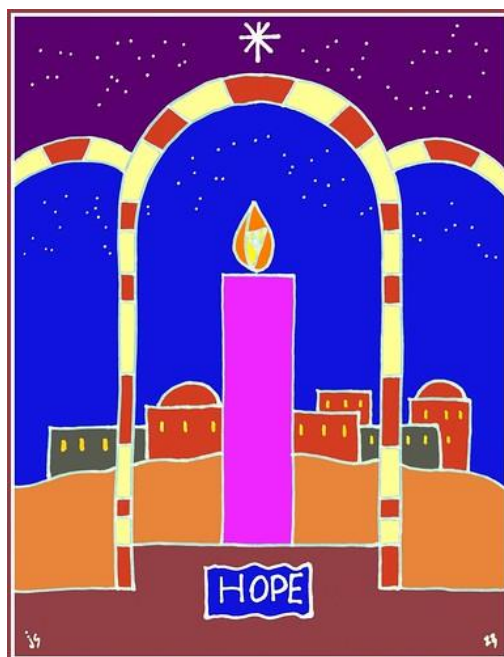


WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST, ACT
Advent 1 Sung Communion : 1st December : 10.45am



The Gathering of God's People

Prelude

Eight Pieces for Musical Clocks by Joseph Haydn (1732 – 1809)

Introit words: Philipp Nicolai music: Philipp Nicolai (1556 – 1608), arr. JS Bach

'Wake, O wake!' With tidings thrilling
the watchmen's cry the air is filling:
'Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying:
the hour has come!' we hear them saying;
'Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The bridegroom now is nigh:
stand forth! your lamps raise! Hallelujah!
In bright array this nuptial day.
Go forth and meet him in the way!'

Welcome and Lighting of the Community Candle

Call to Worship

The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

Teach us your paths

as we wait on your coming promise.

The heavens are speaking;
your kingdom is arriving.

**Strengthen our hearts
as we wait on your coming promise.**

The world is turning; new life is appearing.

**Keep us alert
as we wait on your coming promise.**

We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

Candle Lighting for Advent 1

Hymn 286 verse 1 sung twice Light one candle for hope

Reader One: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Hymn 264 Hark! a herald voice is calling

Prayers of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

Surprising God, forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendour,
and for when we abandon hope
and expect and look for the same old thing
in the same old way.

Forgive us our silence when we ought to have

**spoken up, and our carelessness with your world
and each other.**

**Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence
so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Lord have mercy as per *The Newcastle Mass*

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Service of the Word

All Age Message

Prayer for Understanding

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 page 645

Psalms 25: 1 – 10 responsively UiW page 262

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 page 960

Hymn 616 O day of God, draw near in beauty and in power

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 page 856

This is the Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Anthem Traditional German melody, arr. R. L. Pearsall, adapt. Reginald Jacques

1. *In dulci jubilo* (in sweet jubilation) Let us our homage shew;
our heart's joy reclineth, In *praesepe* (in a manger)
and like a bright star shineth, *Matris in gremio*. (in his mother's lap)
Alpha es et Omega (You are the Alpha and Omega)

2. *O Jesu parvule* (O tiny Jesus) I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee, *O Puer optime!* (O child most excellent)
my prayer let it reach thee, *O Princeps gloriae!* (O Prince of Glory)
Trahe me post te! (lead me follow you)

Preaching

Offering Hymn 430 Your words to me are life and health

Prayers of the People

Liturgist: Emmanuel, come

Response: O come and save us.

The Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn 520 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise.....singing the eternal hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus as per *The Newcastle Mass*

We thank you...

..all honour and glory are yours, Father almighty,

now and for ever. Amen

Acclamations as per *The Newcastle Mass*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break.....The gifts of God for the people of God.

Lamb of God as per *The Newcastle Mass*

The Sending Forth of God's People

Announcements

Hymn 273 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

Voluntaries for the Organ: No 10 by John Stanley (1712 – 86)



Worship Team

Liturgist: Graeme Brown | **Preacher:** Rev'd Dr Bruce Stevens

Music Coordinator: Jade McFaul | **Organist:** Bronwyn Brown

Wesley Music Scholars: Evie Osborne and Martin Magill (choral)

Bible Reader: Rob Woolston | **Flowers:** Nancy Gibson | **IT & Sound:** Christine Hearn & John Landos

Stewards: John & Lorraine Sanderson, Heather Hart | **Morning Tea:** Brenda & Russ Neal