

ADVENT ON LINE SERVICE

WELWYN TEAM MINISTRY



Sunday 29th November
6.30pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Bidding Prayer

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

We are gathered together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his kingdom, its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope.

And as we seek to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose, we pray for all who at this time especially need his pity and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honour, worship and praise, world without end.

Amen.

O Adonai

O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the law in Sinai: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

Reading: Exodus 3: 1-6

Organ piece

1. Fantasy 5: Veni Emmanuel (Opus 72) by Kenneth Leighton

O Radix Jesse

O root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom kings shall shut their mouths, to whom the gentiles shall seek: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Organ piece

2. Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Opus 122 No 8) by Johannes Brahms

O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom thou formedst of clay

Reading: Jeremiah 30: 7-11a

Organ piece

3. Nun Komm' der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) by Johann Sebastian Bach

Act of Penitence

Lord my God, we call for help:

Let our prayer come into your presence.

Lord God, we come to you with sorrow for our sins,
and we ask for your help and strength.

Help us to know ourselves and to accept our weakness.

Strengthen us with your forgiving love,
so that we may more courageously
follow and obey your Son,
whose birth we are soon to celebrate. **Amen.**

Lord, let us hear the call of your prophet John the Baptist,

that we may truly repent and be converted.

Let what is crooked in us become straight,

let what is rough become smooth,

and what is empty be filled;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Merciful God, for love of you

we desire to hate and forsake all sins

by which we have ever displeased you;

and we resolve by the help of your grace

to commit them no more;

and to avoid all the opportunities of sin.

Help us to do this,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord

grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,

time for amendment of life,

and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of all the nations, and their salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15

Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**
May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**
May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All sing:

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

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Tune: Helmsley, Words: C Wesley