

# ADVENT 1

3 December 2023

## HYMNS

272 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hope for the world's despair  
(tune of my Song is loveunknown)

265 O come, O come, Emmanuel

## SENTENCE

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

### Hope for the world's despair

1 Hope for the world's despair:  
we feel the nations' pain;  
can anything repair  
this broken earth again?  
For this we pray: in every place  
a spark of grace to light the way.

2 Wisdom for all who bear  
the future in their hand,  
entrusted with the care  
of this and every land.  
When comes the hour,  
O Lord, we pray,  
inspire the way we spend our  
power.

3 Honour for all who've paid  
war's painful, bitter price,  
when duty called they made  
the greatest sacrifice.  
Their memory will never cease  
to cry for peace and harmony.

4 Ease for the troubled mind  
in endless conflict caught,  
each soul that cannot find  
the peace beyond all thought.  
May they be blessed  
with healing balm  
for inner calm and perfect rest.

5 Love for the human heart:  
when hate grows from our fears  
and inwardly we start  
to turn our ploughs to spears.  
Help us to sow love's precious seed  
in word and deed, that peace may  
grow.



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## COLLECT

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever.

**Amen.**

## READINGS

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people. *Isaiah 64.1-9*

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 80 alternately:

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;

**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

**Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

**You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

**And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

*Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said: 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig

tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

*Mark 13.24-37*

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### PRAYERS

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#### Year's Mind

5th Stan Stewart (2016)  
6th Alma Greaves (2002)  
7th Betty Simpson, Arch Tonkin (2007)  
8th Robert McKenzie (1999)

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

7th Linda Hutchison