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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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10.30am
Morning Worship & Gift Service
led by Deacon Selina

Church Stewards on duty: Neil Oastler & Carolyn Hawkes

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service. There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Jesus & Me** (Children's) Group will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

Welcome & Notices

Time of Quiet

Introduction

Advent Candle Liturgy

Advent dawns with lights strung high and music everywhere,
Sights and smells abound around,
Senses assaulted and confused,
O hush the noise,
Let's hear the angels sing.

Amid the lists and cards and gifts,
Amid the pleas and "please can we",
Amid the chaos of the world,
O hush the noise,
Let's hear the angels sing.

Let's seek to see and seek to hear.
Let's seek to feel and seek to know.
Let's seek to find peace and love.
O hush the noise,
And let's hear the angels sing.

 **Come, thou long expected Jesus**

StF 169ii

Opening Prayer

Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

The Good Branch

Thanks be to God

Aneurin Cole

This is our faith's story
Reader:

 **O come, O come Immanuel**

StF 180

Signs & Predictions

Reading

Luke 21: 25 - 28

Thanks be to God

Angharad Saunders

This is the Word of the Lord
Reader:

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the days that have been,
we confess that we have walked along crooked paths
and not walked in your way.

We confess that we have hidden from the light,
the light which exposes everything,
the love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones
and the deeds left undone.

In this time of Advent and beyond, remind us of your love and grace;
help us to not get caught up in the noise and expectation of this world,
so that we may make space to still ourselves,
become more attentive to you,
and grow your peace for our war- weary world.
Amen

Hymn of Confession

♪ O, the Love of my Lord is the essence StF 431

Talk Caught in a wave

♪ Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm StF 624
(x2)

Prayers of Intercession

Gifts and Offering

The Lord's Prayer

♪ May the God of hope go with us every day StF 411
(x2)

Blessing

The angels are still singing.
Hush the noise, hear them sing, repeat the song.
And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be ours, now and always.
Amen.

Consider what you might choose not to do this Advent,
to give yourself more time to pause and connect with God.

Next week at Trinity
10:30am Morning Worship
led by Elizabeth Wood

After today's Service
you are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers
Judith & Alastair Fear

Thanks to the
Flower Team for decorating the church so beautifully
&
to all involved in erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree