



# Welcome

*We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming*

**'A global Christian family following  
Jesus at the heart of London'**



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 9.30am**  
**Third Sunday in Advent**



## **ONLINE SERVICE**

**Preacher: Revd Lansford Penn-Timity**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

## **WELCOME**

**Revd Lansford Penn-Timity and Deacon Ali McMillan**

## **VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – ADVENT WORSHIP JOY**

**The Skit Guys Media**

## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Leader: We wait for the coming of Christ, giving life in abundance**

**All: Come Giver of Life**

The third candle is lit and this response is used

**Leader: The bread of life given for all people  
a sharing in the body of Christ**

**All: Come Giver of Life**

**Leader: The desert shall rejoice and blossom  
abundantly**

**Rejoice and be glad in it.**

**All: Christ, shine in our world today**

## **VIDEO SONG – Joy To The World**

### **STF 330**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

### **OPENING PRAYERS**

**Led by Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer*

**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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy and Deacon Ali McMillan**

## **VIDEO GLOBAL GREETING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Deacon Ali McMillan**

**VIDEO EPISTLE READING James 5:7-10 TNIV**  
**Read by Nana Kojo Adade**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**VIDEO SONG – The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came**

**STF 187**

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name:'  
most highly favoured lady.  
Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
'Most highly favoured lady.'  
Gloria!

*Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)*

**VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-11 TNIV**  
**Read by Doreen Aidoo**

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'

<sup>7</sup> As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

<sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**SERMON 'Go and tell John The Baptist'**  
**Rev'd Lansford Penn-Timothy**

**VIDEO HYMN – Forth In Thy Name O Lord O Go**

**STF 550**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labour to pursue,  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know  
In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil,  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy perfect humble will,

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
And labour on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er thy bounteous grace has given,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**  
**Led by Deacon Ali McMillan**

**VIDEO HYMN – Behold The Servant Of The Lord**

**STF 546**

Behold the servant of the Lord!  
I wait thy guiding eye to feel,  
To hear and keep thy every word,  
To prove and do thy perfect will,  
Joyful from my own works to cease,  
Glad to fulfil all righteousness.

Me if thy grace vouchsafe to use,  
Meanest of all thy creatures, me,  
The deed, the time, the manner choose;  
Let all my fruit be found of thee;  
Let all my works in thee be wrought,  
By thee to full perfection brought.

My every weak though good design  
O'errule or change, as seems thee meet;  
Jesus, let all my work be thine!  
Thy work, O Lord, is all complete,  
And pleasing in thy Father's sight;  
Thou only hast done all things right.

Here then to thee thine own I leave;  
Mould as thou wilt thy passive clay;  
But let me all thy stamp receive,  
But let me all thy words obey,  
Serve with a single heart and eye,  
And to thy glory live and die.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM**  
**Deacon Ali McMillan**

**THE BLESSING**  
**Deacon Ali McMillan**

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**Noël Suisse by Daquin**  
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