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ONLINE SERVICE - ADVENT 1

Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37

‘What are you waiting for?’

INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN

WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister - (Chapel & Zoom)

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP - Advent (Hope)

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REVD. TONY MILES TO LIGHT CANDLE

VIDEO ADVENT LITURGY

Read by Reuben Eyeson

First Sunday of Advent: Hope for all God's people

We light this candle for all God's people,
struggling to be bearers of hope
in a troubled world.

**God, as we wait for your promise,
give light, give hope.**

VIDEO SONG - O Come, O Come Emmanuel

STF 180

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of god appear
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse,
free Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Latin, 18th century, based on the Advent Antiphons
translated by John Mason Neale (1811 – 1866)*

OPENING PRAYERS - (Zoom)

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy
Deputy Superintendent Minister

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.

VIDEO CLIP - Puppets 'Hymn and Herl'

Charlie & Roz Bushell

ANNOUNCEMENTS - (Chapel)

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 TNIV

Read by Mr. Chris Lawal, Member of MCHW - (Zoom)

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
 you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
 shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and'.]'
Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
 come and save us.
³ Restore us, O God;
 make your face shine on us,
 that we may be saved.

- ⁴ How long, LORD God Almighty,
will your anger smoulder
against the prayers of your people?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- ⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our
neighbours,
and our enemies mock us.
- ⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.
- ¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- ¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.
- ¹⁹ Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

CHRISTIAN AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL - (Zoom)

Led by Chika Unaka,
Christian Aid Representative for MCHW

VIDEO SONG - When Out of Poverty Is Born

Christmas Aid Christmas Carol

When out of poverty is born
a dream that will not die
a landless, weary folk find strength
to stand with heads held high,
it's then we learn from those who wait
to greet the promised day:
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart
Be blest: prepare the way!'

When people wander far from God,
forget to share their bread,
they find their wealth an empty thing,
their spirits are not fed.

For only just and tender love
the hungry soul will stay.
And so God's prophets echo still:
'Be blest: prepare the way!'

When God took flesh and came to earth,
the world turned upside down,
and in the strength of women's faith
the Word of Life was born.
She knew that God would raise the low,
it pleased her to obey.
Rejoice with Mary in the call:
'Be blest: prepare the way!'

Words: Kathy Galloway, provided with permission

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37 TNIV

Read by Nana Ocran, Member of MCHW - (Zoom)

²⁴ 'But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”

²⁶ 'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming
in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will
send his angels and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the
heavens.

²⁸ 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as
its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know
that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these
things happening, you know that it is near, right at the
door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly
not pass away until all these things have
happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will never pass away.

³² 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"

VIDEO HYMN - These Are The Days of Elijah

SOF 1047

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the word of the Lord;
and these are the days of your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are a voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'.

*Behold he comes
riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun
at the trumpet call;
lift your voice,
it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill
salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
and these are the days of your servant David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world,
and we are the labourers in your vineyard
declaring the word of the Lord.

Chorus (x2)
There is no God like Jehovah (x11)

*Behold he comes
riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun
at the trumpet call;
lift your voice,
it's the year of jubilee,
out of Zion's hill
salvation comes. (x2)*

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SERMON - 'What are you waiting for?'
Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO SONG - Here I Am To Worship

STF 175

Light of the world,
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God,
and you're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
No I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

So here I am to worship ... (x2)

Tim Hughes

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - (Zoom)

Led by Dr. Andrew Dye - Global Relationships
Programme Team Leader, Connexional Team

VIDEO - GLOBAL GREETINGS

VIDEO HYMN - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

STF 169

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

(Last verse is repeated)

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

OFFER CONTACT EMAIL & HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy - (Zoom)

THE BLESSING - (Chapel)

Revd. Tony Miles

ORGAN VOLUNTARY:

'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' - Handel

*In a year when most of them have turned 60, **the flowers are given by the 1977 Year Group of the Old Achimotans' Association**, in thanksgiving for God's boundless mercies, and in remembrance of those of their number who did not make it.*

We praise God for all that is past and trust Him for all that is to come!

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