

ORDER OF SERVICE
20 December 2020
Advent 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	O come, O come, Emmanuel (TIS words) (Em)	TIS 265/ CCLI#31982	Ros Bambrick
Advent Candle Lighting			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10 min)	You Are My King (Amazing Love) (Key E) This Kingdom (Key D)	CCLI#2456623 SCE 278 CCLI# 1650898	Ros Bambrick
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	Meekness & Majesty (Key C)	SCE 353/CCLI#1400	Ros Bambrick
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38		Laraine McKay
Message	<i>Mary: Call and Response - Love</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Hallelujah		Choir Audio Recording
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	A Creed for Advent		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Remembrance (The Communion Song) (Key G)	CCLI#5484616	Ros Bambrick
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	He Shall Reign Forevermore (New) (Bb)	CCLI#7050416	Ros Bambrick
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Chorus He Shall Reign Forevermore (New) (Bb)	CCLI#7050416	Ros Bambrick

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Additional Music	Mary Bambrick
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Harry Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The time is drawing near;

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray!

The preparations are complete;

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

We are waiting for God to do a new thing;

We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.

Christ is entering our lives in a new way;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Come, O Jesus, Come! Amen and Amen!

Let us worship God.

SONG [O come, O come, Emmanuel](#) or [HERE](#)

CANDLE LIGHTING - ADVENT 4

SONGS [You Are My King \(Amazing Love\)](#)

[This Kingdom](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In this season of expectation,
we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah,
into the bustle of our lives
and the hard to find moments of solitude.

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
into our homes and situations
along with friends and families.

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah into our hearts,
and those often hidden parts of our lives.

We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah,
for beneath the surface of your story is an inescapable fact
- you entered this world as vulnerable as any one of us
in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross.

Our fears, our insecurities and our sins
- all that can separate us from God, exchanged by your Grace for Love.
We cannot comprehend the reasoning, only marvel that Salvation comes to us
through a baby born in a stable, and reaches out to a world in need.

In this season of anticipation
We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we often live as if you are not with us, not even near us, but distant and far away. We forget that you dwell in each of us, among us, and surround us. We forget that you came into our world and our lives as one of us, and you know the great joys and the struggles we face, the challenges and the desires, the fears and the hopes.

May we remember anew that you have come to us, vulnerable as any of us to the world, to set us free from sin and death, to lead us into new life, eternal life.

In the name of Christ, who has come, who is among us, and who will come again, we pray all things. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Though we have been ensnared by sin,
God is able to strengthen us through the gospel of Christ,
for nothing is impossible with God.
God's mercy embraces us, one generation to the next.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace for your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Meekness & Majesty](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

SERMON [Mary: call and response - Love](#) [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [The Power of Your Love](#)

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, whose glory angels sang when Christ was born. We offer these gifts with joy and in humility and we pray that you will prepare us once more to hear the good news of his coming, that hearing, we may believe, and so live praising and glorifying his name - Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God - as we approach the day of Christ's birth help us to throw wide the doors of our hearts in preparation. Help us to sense the importance of what happened so long ago when Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel, to remember the words of the angels and the prophets and the teachers of old, and to celebrate all the promises that you made through them. Help us to take firm hold of the meaning of all these things and to know in the depths of our being that even now you are seeking to work in us and through us to fulfil the promises you have made.

Lord - may this Christmas season be for us and for those around us a season of healing, may it be a season of hope and of love and of joy, may it be a time of true sharing and of rejoicing in all the earth.

We pray O God for those in need around us: for those who need a second birth, for those who need a tender touch and a healing word.

We pray too, O God for the children of our world - and all those of tender faith, all those who have no home to call their home, all those who are hungry and thirsty. Bless we pray the innocent of the earth and all those who trust in you. Bless the humble and the powerless and bring down from their thrones those who full of pride and those who are indifferent.

This morning, we pray especially for...

We ask these things O God, with hope and praise in our hearts, our minds, and our souls, through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION [Remembrance \(The Communion Song\)](#)

SONG [He Shall Reign Forevermore](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now, and celebrate God's love all your days.
Give to Christ Jesus the obedience of faith,
offering yourself as the servant of the Lord
and allowing God's Word to be fulfilled in you.

And may the only wise God establish you forever.
May the mysteries of Christ be conceived within you.
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you and encircle you.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Advent 4 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for your mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next,
and your fidelity, for all ages.

You created the heavens and earth,
and chose for yourself a covenant people,
bringing them from slavery to a land of their own.
In your servant, David, you established your rule
and promised his throne to the one
who would save your people and reign forever.

And now, the mystery kept secret for long ages
has been revealed to all the earth:
your own Son, Jesus Christ,
is conceived by the Holy Spirit
in the womb of Mary
and emerges to claim the throne of his ancestor David.

Though he was killed by the proud and powerful,
you have raised him up,
and with him, the humble of all the earth,
and of his reign there will be no end.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...