



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

10.30am Morning Worship

**“What then will this child be?”**

Luke 1 : 57 - 66

Welcome and notices

Come, O God, and rule the earth:

**all the nations are yours!**

Let them know that you are king,

**sovereign over all the world! Amen.**

**Song : All through history**

Lighting of the advent wreath

Prayer

**God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

Children leave for their activities

Confession

We must give account of our stewardship: let us ask forgiveness for our sin and failure.

Lord, we have not used your gifts wisely: forgive us for being unprofitable;

in your mercy, **hear us and help us.**

Lord, we have not kept brightly burning the light you entrusted to us: forgive us for being unprepared;

in your mercy, **hear us and help us.**

Lord, we have sometimes ended the day in anger or bitterness: forgive us for being unrepentant;

in your mercy, **hear us and help us.**

**Renew our vision, restore our watchfulness, make us faithful as you are faithful, that when you come in glory we may hear you say: ‘Enter into the joy of your Lord’. Amen.**

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Songs : With a prayer (Love Incarnate)  
Bless the Lord O my soul (10 000 Reasons)**

## The Birth of John the Baptist

<sup>57</sup> When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, <sup>60</sup> but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

<sup>61</sup> They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”

<sup>62</sup> Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> The neighbours were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. <sup>66</sup> Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

Talk : “What then will this child be?”

**Song : O Praise the name**

Affirmation

In our watching and our waiting

**Come, Lord Jesus**

In our hopes and in our fears

**Come, Lord Jesus**

In our homes and in our world

**Come, Lord Jesus**

Come, Lord Jesus. Bless us and surprise us as we look forward to your birthday.

**Amen.**

Final prayer and Blessing