



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024  
Advent Sunday  
10.30am Morning Worship  
Isaiah 51: 4-11

Welcome/Banns/Prayer

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.  
This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice,  
and focus on what's really important.

**We place our hope in you as we wait for the coming of the Christ child.**

In the meantime,

**We will sing into the silence.**

**We will light a candle against the darkness.**

**Song: In the beginning was the Word**

This Time Tomorrow

Children to leave for their groups

Confession

O God, you search us out and know us,  
and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we scoff at those who await your return,  
and live as though you were never here:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we long for your coming to change the world,  
and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we do not make straight paths for justice,  
nor offer a welcome when you come as a stranger:

**In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you,

O God of infinite mercy;

**We renounce evil;**

**We claim your love;**

**We choose to be made whole. Amen**

Intercessions

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:            You spoke and behold the dawn of time  
                      Splendour of the King**

Bible reading: Isaiah 51: 4-11

**The Lord's Victory Will Last**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord says: You are my people and nation! So pay attention to me.  
My teaching will cause justice to shine like a light for every nation.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who live across the sea are eagerly waiting for me to rescue them.  
I am strong and ready; soon I will come to save and to rule all nations.  
<sup>6</sup>Look closely at the sky! Stare at the earth.  
The sky will vanish like smoke; the earth will wear out like clothes.  
Everyone on this earth will die like flies.  
But my victory will last; my saving power never ends.  
<sup>7</sup>If you want to do right and obey my teaching with all your heart, then pay close attention.  
Don't be discouraged when others insult you and say hurtful things.  
<sup>8</sup>They will be eaten away like a moth-eaten coat.  
But my victory will last; my saving power will never end.  
<sup>9</sup>Wake up! Do something, Lord. Be strong and ready.  
Wake up! Do what you did for our people long ago.  
Didn't you chop up Rahab the monster?  
<sup>10</sup>Didn't you dry up the deep sea and make a road for your people to follow safely across?  
<sup>11</sup>Now those you have rescued will return to Jerusalem, singing on their way.  
They will be crowned with great happiness, never again to be burdened with sadness and sorrow.

Talk: Salvation is Coming

**Song: Jesus hope of the nations**

Affirmation

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
maker of all we see and all we don't see.  
Who is Ruler of the universe.**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator;  
the Word made flesh, our Messiah.**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us;  
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
our Comforter and our Guide. Amen**

Final prayer