

### ***Worship in Song***

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall

### ***Welcome***

### ***Lighting the first Advent Candle***

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***Worship in Song***

O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made.  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder.  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,  
How great thou art. How great thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die - I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
To take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

### ***Advent Confession***

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Special Prayer for Today***

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Presentation to Global Mission Partners***

### ***Bible Reading***

1 Corinthians 1.3-9 (*Church Bible page 953*)

### ***Interview***

### ***Sermon***

### ***Song of Worship***

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above him none before him  
All of time in his hands  
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory I will trust in his name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

*At the end:* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

### ***Offertory Prayer***

**Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant. Through your love, make us servants of one another. Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor. May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world. Amen.**

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all place to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### *Short preface for advent*

{And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.}

For he is our great high priest who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The 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 for ever. Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### ***Giving of Communion***

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*We receive communion*

### ***Worship in Song***

Almighty God our Father  
In mercy you did give us Christ  
Upon the cross your suffering Son  
Has made the perfect sacrifice

For though our sins are scarlet  
His blood has made them spotless white  
We come in full repentance now  
As we receive the bread and wine

So we come to the table  
And we join in the feast  
We remember the sacrifice  
God's love poured out at Calvary

We come now to remember  
As Jesus asked before he died  
His body broken blood poured out  
The death he died has brought us life

With thankful hearts we receive him  
We trust that we have been made clean  
He will sustain and dwell in us  
And we will ever dwell in him

We celebrate he is risen  
That by his death he conquered death  
We look ahead to the promised hope  
That he is coming back again

### ***Worship in Song***

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

### ***Worship in Song***

I am alive saved by your sacrifice  
Death overcome glory dispels the night  
You call the lifeless to wake from death to life  
Out of darkness arise

I am set free saved from the power of sin  
Guilt overcome your Spirit at work within  
You break the chains of the law I am released  
From the burden of sin

Now we cry Father we are your children  
We are adopted as your own  
No condemnation we are forgiven  
Nothing can take us from your love

I am redeemed raised with my Saviour Christ  
Fear overcome I will be glorified  
You will forever defend and stand beside  
I am safe in your love

### ***Bridge***

Creation awaits the glorious day  
When Jesus returns and trials will fade

### ***Prayer after Communion***

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Worship in Song***

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### ***Blessing***

Now go out into the world in peace. Keep alert, for we do not know the hour when we will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Be faithful in service and persistent in prayer; be Advent people, loving and serving the Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**