

St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake



A service for the
Advent Sunday

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The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord Jesus, you are the hope and promise of the world.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you are our light in the midst of darkness and anxiety.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord, our Emmanuel, you promise to be with us always

Come, Lord Jesus.

Informal words of welcome are said.

Opening Hymn

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, 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.*

Amen

A time of silence follows as we open our hearts to God.

Closing Prayers

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.**

**God of hope, be with us in our Advent journey
be with us in our worship and our praying together
be with us in our homes and workplaces this week
shine your light in our darkness
fill us with your hope and make us bringers of hope to others
in the name of Christ the light of the world
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers conclude with

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (we sit or kneel)

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Anthem: " "Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices" J. S. Bach. (sung by the choir)

Spiritual Communion

Loving Lord, we know that you are with us wherever we are. Since we cannot at this moment receive you in the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we ask you to open our eyes to your presence now in these quiet moments and in our daily lives, leading and guiding us in the week ahead. May we know that though we are for a time physically separated from one another, we are united in your Spirit and we can never be separated from you.

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

Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)

The Lighting of the first Advent Candle

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**

The Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

The Kyries

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and
Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the
mountains would quake at your presence, as when fire kindles
brushwood and the fire causes water to boil, to make your name known
to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down,
the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has
heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do
right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and
we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all
become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take
us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take
hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered
us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are
the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not
be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80 (sung by members of St Mary's choir)

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been

enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind, just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you, so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the
moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and
the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of
Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out
the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the
earth to the ends of heaven. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon
as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you
know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will
not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth
will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But about that day or
hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only
the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will
come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts
his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper
to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when
the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the sermon a short period of silent reflection is kept.