

Advent Sunday

Service of Light and Advent Carols

The Service of Light

You, O Lord, are my lamp

You turn our darkness into light

With you, O Lord, is the well of life

In your light shall we see light

Your word is a lantern to my feet

and a light upon our path

Taizé Verse – The Lord is my Light

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my light and salvation

in God I trust

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1.1-5

Taizé Verse – The Lord is my Light

Give thanks to the Father,

who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and made us partakers

in the inheritance of the saints in light. Col.1.12-13

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Bringing in the light

*As the light is brought in we continue to sing quietly
then the light bearer says ...*

Jesus Christ, the light of the world
A light no darkness can quench

We sing ...

Hymn - Thou whose Almighty Word A&M 180

Bidding Prayers and Introductions

*... ending with time for silent prayer and the **Collect
for Advent Sunday***

Readings and Hymns

Reading: Rejoice greatly for your king comes
Zechariah 9:9 - 10

Hymn - Come, thou long expected Jesus – No. 102

Reading: I will raise up for David a righteous branch
Jeremiah 23:5 – 6

Hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel – No. 493

Reading: Open the gates of righteousness
Psalm 118:19 – 29

Singing Group – Hills of the North Rejoice

Reading: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

Isaiah 9:2 and 6-7

Hymn – Hark the glad sound! No. 210

Reading: Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son

Isaiah 7:10 - 15

Hymn - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry – No. 538

Reading: Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed

Romans 12:-2; 13.8 and 11-14

Singing Group – Awake, Awake, fling off the night!

Gospel – Matthew 25.1-13

The Conclusion

The night is far spent, the day is at hand
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant
Even so, Lord, come.

The light of life send upon us;
the joy of peace send upon us;
the gladness of goodwill send upon us.

**In judgment and justice draw near,
in your merciful loving kindness draw near,
with the blessing of peace draw near.**

O wisdom of God, sweetly ordering all things,
flowing from the glory of the Almighty,
making all things new, kind to all,
making them friends of God.

**Come and comfort the soul of your servant,
for to you do I lift up my soul.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, come
At evening time, with light,

And in the morning, with your glory,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says:
Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star.
Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Final Hymn – Lo, he comes with clouds descending –
No. 424

The Final Blessing