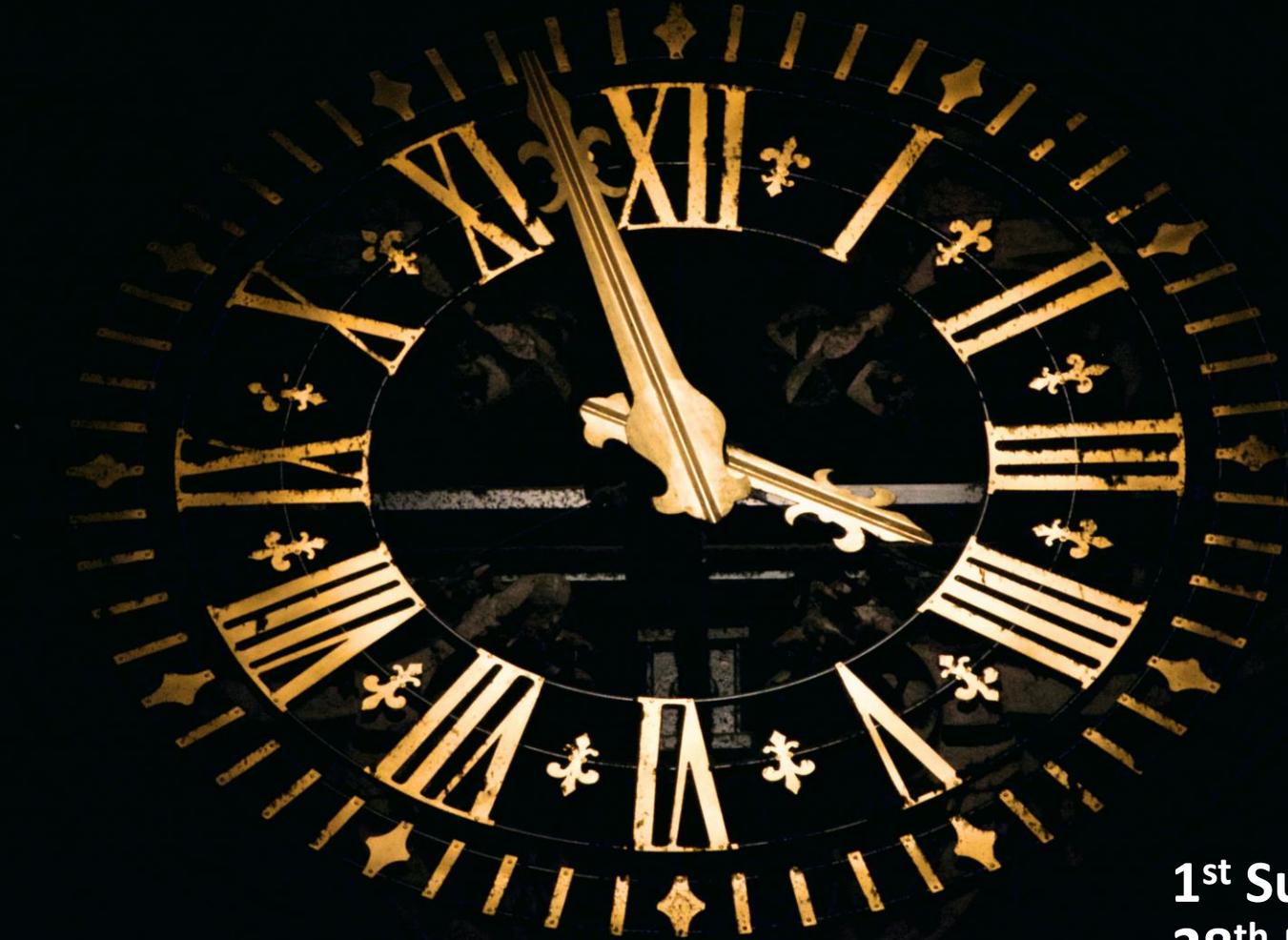


What's the time? (1)



It's time to watch

1st Sunday in Advent
28th November 2021
Luke 21: 25 - 36

Welcome and notices

Next Sunday at 12.30pm Thanksgiving of Luna Webb.

Monday 6th, Year 5 from St. Michael's Junior School are visiting the Church.

Wed. 8th and Thurs. 9th at 1.45pm St. Michael's Junior School for their Christmas Carol Service.



Call to worship

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah”
(Jeremiah 33:14).



Lighting of Advent candle

We light our first Advent candle to remember that Christ is coming again. He brings hope to a troubled world.



Opening prayer

Lord of lords, come and save us.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

O Root of Jesse, delay no longer

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus



O Key of David, unlock the door
to eternity

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

O Emmanuel, reveal God's glory
to us

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus



O come, Lord Jesus, raise us to
the joy of your eternal kingdom.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus



One day when heaven



**One day when heaven was filled
with his praises**

**One day when sin was as black as
could be**

**Jesus came forth to be born of a
virgin**



**Dwelt among men, my example
is he**

**Word became flesh and the light
shined among us, His glory
revealed**



**Living, he loved me
Dying, he saved me
Buried, he carried my sins far away
Rising, he justified freely forever
One day he's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.**



One day they led him up

Calvary's mountain

One day they nailed him to die

on a tree

Suffering anguish, despised and

rejected



**Bearing our sins, my Redeemer
is he**

**Hands that healed nations,
stretched out on a tree**

And took the nails for me



**Living, he loved me
Dying, he saved me
Buried, he carried my sins far away
Rising, he justified freely forever
One day he's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.**



**One day the grave could
conceal him no longer**

**One day the stone rolled away
from the door**

**Then he arose, over death he
had conquered**



**Now is ascended, my Lord
evermore.**

**Death could not hold him,
The grave could not keep him
from rising again**



**Living, he loved me
Dying, he saved me
Buried, he carried my sins far away
Rising, he justified freely forever
One day he's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.**



**One day the trumpet will sound
for his coming**

**One day the skies with his
glories will shine**

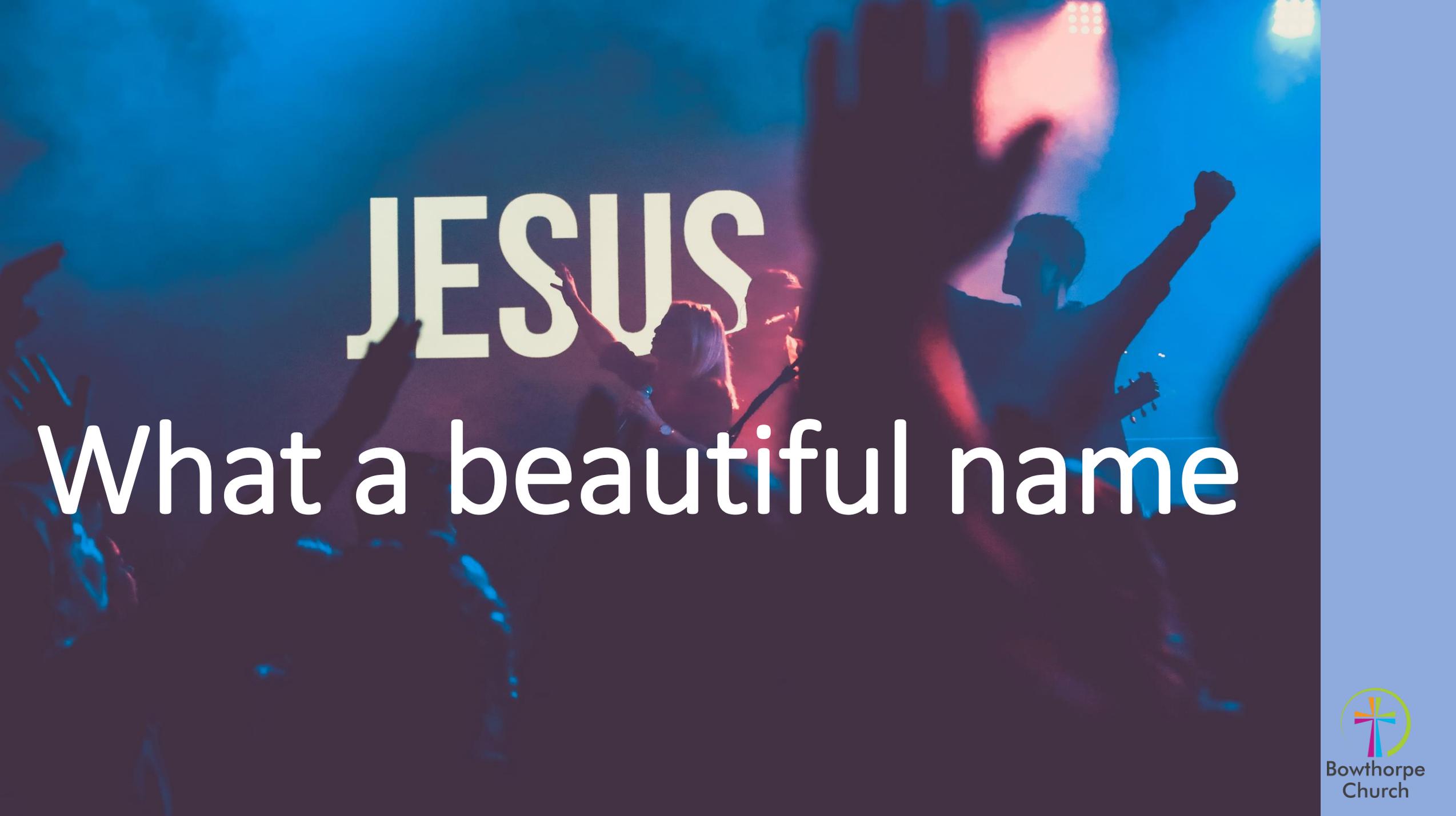


**Wonderful day, my Beloved
One, bringing
My Saviour, Jesus, is mine**



**Living, he loved me
Dying, he saved me
Buried, he carried my sins far away
Rising, he justified freely forever
One day he's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day.**





JESUS

What a beautiful name



Bowthorpe
Church

**Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb
that was slain.
Joy and peace, strength and
hope,**



**Grace that blows all fear
away.**

Jesus, what a beautiful name.



**Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Truth revealed, my future sealed,
healed my pain.
Love and freedom, life and
warmth,**



**Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.**



**Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Rescued my soul, my
stronghold,
lifts me from shame.
Forgiveness, security, power
and love,**



**Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.**



Confession

Merciful God, although we are not yet perfected in love, may we be forgiven; though we are not always fruitful, may we be faithful; though we are not always holy,



may we press on in faith; though
we are not always deserving, may
we be accepted by you; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Assurance of pardon

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I declare in Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.



Offertory

Lord our God, we offer to you all we are and all we have. Bless now these gifts for your kingdom's sake. Amen.



Prayer for Sunday Club

Loving Lord, you were once a child,
and you understand all that is needed
to grow up into mature adults. Bless
now our children and those who will
teach them; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



Luke 21: 25 - 36

25 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.



26 People will faint from terror,
apprehensive of what is coming on
the world, for the heavenly bodies
will be shaken. 27 At that time they
will see the Son of Man coming in a
cloud with power and great glory.



28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'



29 He told them this parable:
'Look at the fig-tree and all the
trees. 30 When they sprout leaves,
you can see for yourselves and
know that summer is near.



31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.



33 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.

34 'Be careful, or your hearts will be
weighed down with carousing,
drunkenness and the anxieties of
life, and that day will close on you
suddenly like a trap.



35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

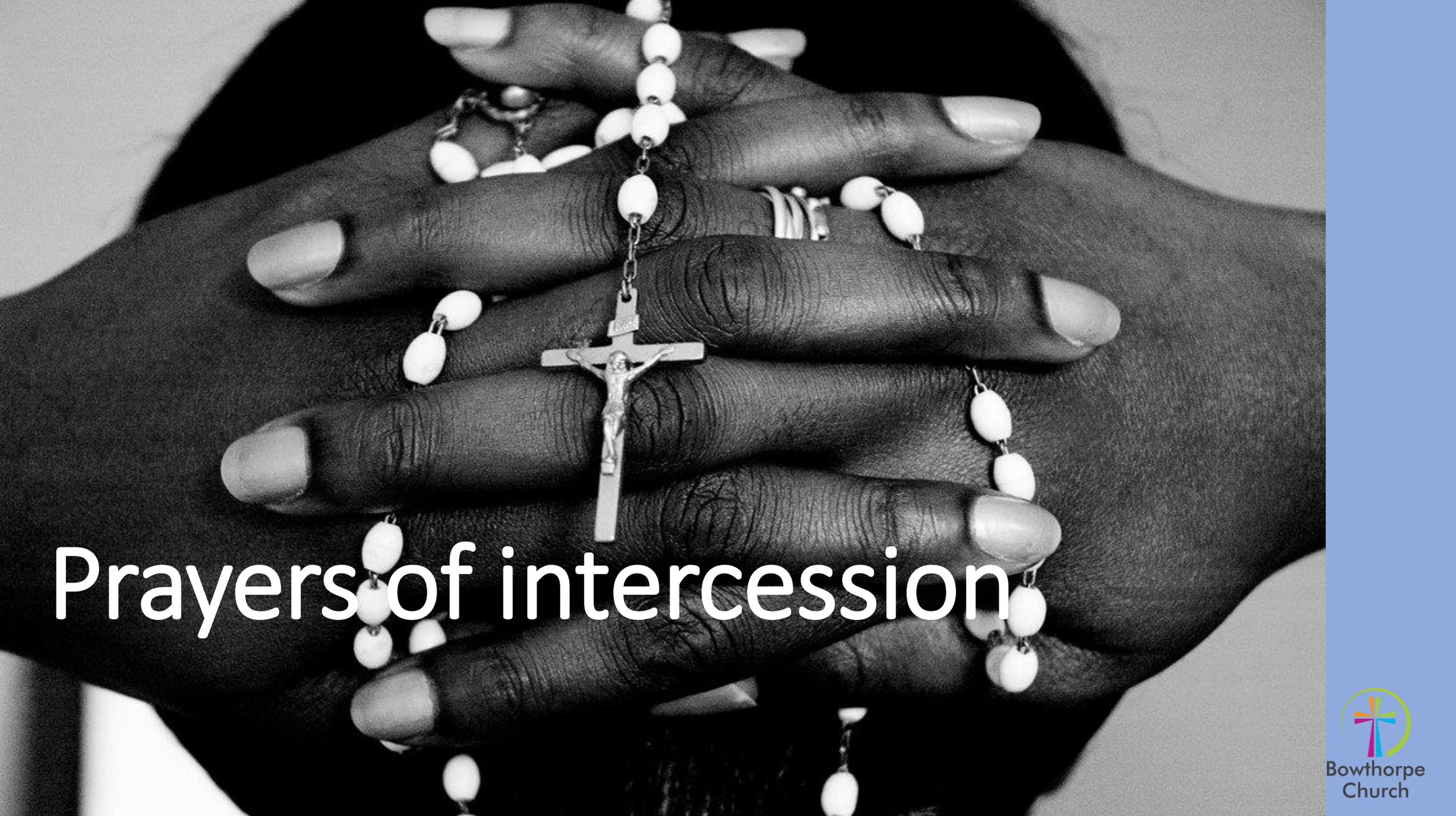


Reflection

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It's time to watch





Prayers of intercession



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.**



O Come, O come, Emmanuel



**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 Dayspring, 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 of misery.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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.



The Peace

Christ is the Prince of Peace who rules the nations with justice and love.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



The Act of Breaking Bread

We come to this table not because we must, but because we may. We come not because we are strong, but because we are weak.



We come not because we have perfect faith, but because we have questions and even doubts. But we come nonetheless because Jesus invites us to come and we will never be turned away.



The apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given



thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'



For whenever you eat this bread
and drink this cup, you proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11: 23–26)



Distribution of the bread and wine

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.



Prayer after communion

Gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.



You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Now we give ourselves to you; and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may



**be your love reaching out into
the life of the world; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**





**By faith we see
the hand of God**

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand
design**

**In the lives of those who prove his
faithfulness**

**Who walk by faith and not by
sight.**



**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of his promise in
their hearts:
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice
reign.**



**We will stand as children of the
promise,**

**We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's
reward.**

**`Till the race is finished and the work
is done**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.



**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah
would appear
With the power to break the chains
of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.**



**By faith the Church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach
good news
In every corner of the earth.**



**We will stand as children of the
promise,**

**We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's
reward.**

**`Till the race is finished and the work
is done**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.



**By faith this mountain shall be
moved**

**And the power of the gospel shall
prevail,**

**For we know in Christ all things are
possible**

For all who call upon his name.



**We will stand as children of the
promise,**

**We will fix our eyes on him, our
soul's reward.**

**`Till the race is finished and the
work is done**



**We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**



Closing prayer and blessing

O Lord, our coming Saviour, you hear our cries and guide our steps. May we know your presence this coming week, for your kingdom's sake. **Amen.**



Go from this place glorifying and
praising God:

May the Lord guide you, protect
you, and surround you.



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.