

# Café style - What's the time? (2) It's time to get ready



Advent 2  
Luke 3: 1 – 6  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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# Welcome and notices



# Lighting of the advent candles

We light our second candle to remind us of John the Baptist who prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah. We prepare to meet with Christ this morning in worship.



# Light of the world



**Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart  
adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.**



**So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**



**King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above;  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.**



**So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**



**So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**



**And I'll never know how much  
it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
(Repeat)**



**So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**



# Opening prayer and confession

Lord Jesus, light and hope for the world, we come to worship and adore you. We come to open our hearts to you and listen to your Word. We also come to confess



our failings, the things we shouldn't have done, and those things which we should have done. Merciful Lord, forgive us as we turn away from those things that have separated us from you and others. In your precious name, **Amen.**

Jesus always forgave those who came to him in repentance. And he still speaks his Word of hope, “Your sins are forgiven.”

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



# Offertory prayer

Lord, we offer not only ourselves in repentance but also our gifts as we bring to you our offertory. Bless now all we have given for the sake of your coming kingdom. **Amen.**



# Introduction to the theme

How to get ready for Christmas?

1. Make a list – longest list wins
2. Now list all the things needed to get ready for the birth of Christ in our passage



Compare the two lists. What does it mean to get ready for Christmas today?



# Luke 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene



<sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:  
'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."  
<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every



mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.  
<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation."



This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



Soon and very soon

**COMING SOON**



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**Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon**



**we are going to see the King  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We're going to see the King**



**No more crying there,  
we are going to see the king  
No more crying there,  
we are going to see the king  
No more crying there,**



**we are going to see the king**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**We're going to see the King**



**No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King  
No more dying there,**



**We are going to see the King  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We're going to see the King**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia.**



**Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
we are going to see the King  
Soon and very soon**



**we are going to see the King**

**Alleluia! alleluia!**

**We're going to see the King**



# Activities

1. Discussion questions
2. Craft activity
3. Bible reflection





From the squalor



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**From the squalor of a borrowed  
stable  
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
To the anguish and the shame of  
scandal  
came the Saviour of the human  
race!**



**But the skies were filled with the  
praise of heaven,  
shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to  
man  
at the dawning of Immanuel.**



**King of heaven now the Friend of  
sinners,  
humble servant in the Father's  
hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
filled with mercy for the broken man.**



**Yes, He walked my road and He felt  
my pain,  
joys and sorrows that I know so  
well;  
Yet His righteous steps give me  
hope again –  
I will follow my Immanuel!**

**Through the kisses of a friend's  
betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
He was punished for a world's  
transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.**



**He fights for breath, He fights for  
me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of  
hell;  
And with a shout our souls are  
free –  
Death defeated by Immanuel!**

**Now He's standing in the place of  
honour,  
crowned with glory on the highest  
throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
till His Father calls to bring them  
home!**



**Then the skies will part as the  
trumpet sounds  
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's  
arms,  
giving glory to Immanuel!**



# Closing prayer and blessing

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of repentance and your never-ending love for us. Help us this week to walk in your ways of love, truth and kindness. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**



And now may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and with all whom you love, now and for evermore. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve  
the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

