

What's the time? (3) It's time to confront!



Sunday 12th December 2021
Luke 3: 7 - 18



Bowthorpe
Church

Welcome and notices



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Lighting of advent candles



Call to worship

`The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing' (Zephaniah 3:17)



How lovely on the mountains (Our God reigns)



**How Lovely On The Mountains Are
The Feet Of Him
Who Brings Good News, Good News
Announcing Peace, Proclaiming
News And Happiness
Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns**



Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns

[x2]



**You Watchmen Lift Your Voices
Joyfully As one
Shout For Your King, Your King
See Eye To Eye The Lord Restoring
Zion
Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns**

Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns

[x2]



**Waste Places Of Jerusalem Break
Forth With Joy**

We Are Redeemed, Redeemed

The Lord Has Saved And

Comforted His People

Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns



Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns

[x2]



**Ends Of The Earth, See The
Salvation Of Your God
Jesus Is Lord, Is Lord
Before The Nations He Has Bared
His Holy Arm
Your God Reigns, Your God Reigns**



Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns
[x4]



Days of Elijah



**These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your
servant Moses
Righteousness being restored**



**And though these are days of great
trial**

**Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert
crying**

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"



**Behold, He comes riding on the
clouds**

**Shining like the sun at the trumpet
call**

Lift your voice, the year of jubilee

And out of Zion's hill, salvation

comes



**And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your
servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise**



**Oh, these are the days of the
harvest**

**For the fields are as white in Your
world**

**And we are the labourers in Your
vineyard**

Declaring the word of the Lord!

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**Oh, we give glory to You, Lord (we
worship You, Lord)**

You're the Lion of Judah

**The Lamb who was slain (we
worship You, Jesus)**



You're the God of Jacob

**You're the God of Elijah (Lamb of
God)**

**You're the Lord God of Israel (oh, I
praise You, Lord)**



**You're the Lord God of the universe
(You're the Lion of Judah)
You're God of Heaven and earth
Oh, Lord our King and our
Redeemer, You are**



Opening prayer

God our Father, In love you
promised from ancient times a
Saviour and Redeemer.

In time you gave your only Son, to
be the Saviour of the world.

Glory to you, God our Father.



Lord Jesus Christ,
for us and for our salvation
you came down from heaven
and opened the gate to
everlasting life.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus.



Life-giving Holy Spirit,
You hovered over creation
bringing life.

You overshadowed Mary bringing
life.

Breathe new life into us.

**Glory to you, Holy Spirit.
Glory to you, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.**



Confession

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.



**Holy and forgiving God, we have
sinned against you and each other
in thought and word and deed.
We have turned from your life-
giving word, and ignored the
message of those you sent.**



We are unprepared for the coming of your Son. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, that strengthened by your love we may serve you more faithfully; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Assurance

‘I am making all things new,’ says the Lord. This is his gracious word: ‘Your sins are forgiven.’

Amen. Thanks be to God.



Collect for advent

God of all time and space, who are we, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth,



make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.



PLAQUE PRESENTATION

BY GROUP CAPTAIN STEWART

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To you O Lord I lift up my soul



**To You O Lord I lift up my soul
In you I trust O my God
Do not let me be put to shame
Nor let my enemies triumph over
me**



**No one whose hope is in you
Will ever be put to shame
That's why my eyes are on you Oh
Lord**



**Surround me, defend me
Oh how I need you
To you I lift up my soul
To you I lift up my soul**



**Show me your ways and teach me
your paths**

Guide me in truth lead me on

**For you're my God, you are my
Saviour**

**My hope is in you each moment
of the day**



**No one whose hope is in You
Will ever be put to shame;
That's why my eyes are on You,
O Lord.**



**Surround me, defend me
Oh how I need you
To you I lift up my soul
To you I lift up my soul**



**Remember Lord your mercy
and love
That ever flow from of old
Remember not the sins of my
youth
Or my rebellious ways**



**According to your love remember
me**

**According to your love
For you are good O Lord**



**No one whose hope is in You
Will ever be put to shame;
That's why my eyes are on You,
O Lord.**



**Surround me, defend me
Oh how I need you
To you I lift up my soul
To you I lift up my soul**



Luke 3: 7 - 18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?



8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

9 The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.’
10 ‘What should we do then?’ the crowd asked.



11 John answered, 'Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.'

12 Even tax collectors came to be baptised. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?'



13 'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them.

14 Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what should we do?' He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.'



15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come,



the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn,



but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.' 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.



This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God





CONFRONT

Reflection:
It's time to confront



Prayers of intercession

In joyful expectation of his coming to reign we pray to our Lord, saying,
Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus.



Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all nations and the leaders of the world. Before you rulers will stand in silence. So, we pray for governments across the world, for justice and peace to be their watchword.



May your peace reign in your
world.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.



Come to your Church as Lord and Judge. We pray for all churches everywhere of whatever tradition, that we may be examples to the world of Christ-like love and hope. Help us to live in the light of your



coming, and give us the longing to
do your will.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.



Come to your people as Saviour and bearer of pain. We pray for all who suffer at this time, especially for those known to us. Enfold us all in your love and mercy, wipe away our tears of failure, fear and



distress, and set us free to serve
you forever.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.



Come to us from heaven with power and great glory, and lift us up to meet you, where with all your saints and angels we will be with you forever. Be with those who mourn at this time, especially we



pray for Linda, Carol and Pam.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.



All these things we pray in the
mighty name of Jesus. **Amen.**



O come O come Emmanuel



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**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, 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**



**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**



The peace

May the God of peace make you holy and keep you free from every fault as you wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

And also with you.



The act of Holy Communion

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 our thanks and
praise.



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when Christ humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,



he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be
fulfilled, we now watch for the day
when Christ will come again in glory.



And so we offer our praise with all
your people, on earth and in
heaven. With the full chorus of
your creation, we proclaim the
glory of your name:



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

Hosanna in the highest.



**Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**



We praise you, Lord God, King of the universe, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples,



saying, 'Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'



In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'



Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

And so we proclaim:



**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again in glory.
He is Alpha and Omega, the
beginning and end; the King of
kings and Lord of lords.**



Recalling his death and resurrection,
and in obedience to his command,
we celebrate the offering of his
eternal sacrifice, until he comes
again. Through him, our Priest and
King, accept us as a living sacrifice, a
people for your praise.



Generous and holy God, pour out your Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Refashion us in your image that we may be found ready at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours, O Lord, for ever
and ever. Amen.**



Let us pray for the coming of
God's kingdom in the words our
Saviour taught us.



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.**



The breaking of the bread

Like those that look for the morning, so our souls wait for the Lord.

Be known to us, Lord, in the breaking of bread.



Please stay seated to receive the bread. If you wish to just receive a blessing, please do not put your hands out to receive the bread.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

We thank you, Lord, for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Keep us in your grace and at the coming



**of Christ in glory bring us with
your saints into the life of your
kingdom. Amen.**



Waymaker



You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this
place
I worship You, I worship You
(Repeat)



Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are



You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You



You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are



That is who You are

**That is who You are (That is who
You are)**

**That is who You are (That is who
You are)**



**My Jesus, that is who You are
(That is who You are)**

**We lift You up, that is who You
are (That is who You are)**

My Jesus



Even when I don't see it, You're
working

Even when I don't feel it, You're
working

You never stop, never stop working

You never stop, never stop working

Jesus you are



Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker

Promise keeper, light in the darkness

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Dismissal and blessing

How mighty is our God whose name is Jesus. The day of the Lord is surely coming. Be faithful in worship, unwavering in hope, fervent in the work of God's



kingdom and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and prepare your hearts and souls to meet him when he comes in glory.



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



Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

