

# What's the time (4)

## It's time to glorify God

Luke 1: 39 - 55  
19th December 2021



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# Welcome and notices

19th at 16:00 – open air carol service

24th from 16:00 walk through

Christingle

24th at 23:00 late night communion

25th at 10:30 a short family friendly service

26th Boxing Day – No service



# Call to worship

In the hustle and bustle of the Advent season, it is easy to get swept up with the business of preparing our homes for guests, visiting friends and families, and



finding the perfect gift for our loved ones. Let us take a moment to slow down and remember what Advent is meant to be: a time of waiting for the coming of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.



# Lighting of the advent candles

1<sup>st</sup> for our hope in Christ

2<sup>nd</sup> for peace in Christ

3<sup>rd</sup> for the love of Christ

4<sup>th</sup> for the joy of Christ



# Opening prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.



God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly at this Advent time. **Amen**



# Praise is rising



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Praise is rising, eyes are turning  
to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring, hearts are  
yearning for You

We long for You



When we see you we find strength  
to face the day

In your presence all our fears are  
washed away, washed away



Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, hosanna

Come have your way among us

We welcome you here Lord Jesus



Hear the sound of hearts  
returning to you  
We turn to you  
In your kingdom broken lives are  
made new  
You make all things new



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# Blessed be your name

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Blessed be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance  
flow,  
Blessed be Your Name.



And blessed be Your Name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the  
wilderness,  
Blessed be Your Name.



Every blessing You pour out I'll  
turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in,  
Lord, still I will say:



Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious Name.



And blessed be Your Name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your Name.



Every blessing You pour out I'll  
turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in,  
Lord, still I will say:



Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious Name.

(Repeat)



You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say:  
Lord, blessed be Your Name. (x2)



Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious Name.

# Confession

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.**



**Have mercy on us; deliver us  
from judgement; bind up our  
wounds and revive us; in Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen**



# Assurance

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**



# Offertory prayer

God of all goodness and grace,  
receive the gifts we offer, and grant  
that our whole life may give you  
glory and praise, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **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 1: 39 - 55

## *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and



greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed:



“Blessed are you among women  
and blessed is the child you will  
bear! 43 But why am I so favoured,  
that the mother of my Lord should  
come to me? 44 As soon as the  
sound of your greeting reached my



ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!”



# *Mary's Song*

46 And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my

Saviour,

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will  
call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me — holy is his  
name.

50 His mercy extends to those who  
fear him,



from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds  
with his arm; he has scattered  
those who are proud in their  
inmost thoughts.



52 He has brought down rulers  
from their thrones but has lifted up  
the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with  
good things but has sent the rich  
away empty.



54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
55 to Abraham and his descendants  
forever, just as he promised our  
ancestors.”



This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Come thou long  
expected Jesus



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Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.



Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.



Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child, and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us for ever;  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.



By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

A serene landscape featuring a calm body of water in the foreground, reflecting a dense line of evergreen trees in the background. A soft mist or fog hangs over the water, creating a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

# Reflection It's time to glorify God



# 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.**



# Tell out my soul



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Tell out, my soul, the greatness  
of the Lord;  
Unnumbered blessings give my  
spirit voice;



Tender to me the promise of  
His word;  
In God my Saviour shall my  
heart rejoice.



Tell out, my soul, the greatness  
of His name!

Make known His might, the  
deeds His arm has done;



His mercy sure, from age to age  
the same;

His Holy name - the Lord, the  
Mighty One.



Tell out, my soul, the greatness  
of His might!

Powers and dominions lay their  
glory by;



Proud hearts and stubborn wills  
are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble  
lifted high.



Tell out, my soul, the glories of  
His word!

Firm is His promise, and His  
mercy sure:



Tell out, my soul, the greatness  
of the Lord  
To children's children and for  
evermore!

# Closing prayer and blessing

May the strength of God sustain us;  
may the power of God preserve us;  
may the hands of God protect us;  
may the way of God direct us; may  
the love of God go with us this day  
and forever. **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.**

