

Wait with us as we seek to understand our part
in the well-being of those who wait for love.
Watch over them as they hope for a world that cares enough to act
with a new justice and compassion.
Give to us here an energy and passion for good change
and a faithfulness so that we never give up,
even when we cannot see the way ahead.
**Grant to us a spirit of adventure, Loving God,
as we walk together towards our dreams of a better world.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

HYMN 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Let us leave this place in joyful expectation,
carrying with us the stories of our salvation,
that the world may know the Christ and be glad.

And may God the Creator spread joy across the universe,
Christ, the One who is coming, stand waiting to enter
and the Spirit hum the first notes of the celebration. **Amen.**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE Improvisation

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Presiding Minister	Rev Jana Norman
Scripture Reader	Peter Trevaskis
Organist & Choir Director	Peter Kelsall
Assistant Organist	Christopher Bridge
Organ Scholar	Alexander Paine
Guest Organist	David Drury

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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*

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*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Matin Responsory
Adapted from G.P. da Palestrina 1525-1594

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 32 O come, O come Emmanuel

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In the spirit of Advent,
we watch for the signs of that which is to come.
We look for them here in this place,
held within our midst in promises of joy.
**Make your presence known to us,
God of promise, God of joy.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

In the beginning
darkness covered the face of the deep.
And God was present in that darkness.

