

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

(Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

HYMN 265 – O come, O come, Emmanuel

DISMISSAL

O Lord Jesus Christ, come at evening time with light,
and in the morning with your glory
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

He who receives our prayers says: Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star.
Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

(Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Veni, veni Emmanuel* – Gerald Near (1977)
(You are invited to remain seated until the end of the postlude)

Welcome to all who worship at Auburn today.
Please remain for tea or coffee in the church after the service.

Reader	Flowers Today: Libby Owens
Next Week: Ruth Bartle	Next week: Pat Rogerson
Readings next week:	
Malachai 3: 1-4	Luke 1: 68-79
Philippians 1: 3-11	Luke 3: 1-6



The Auburn Newsletter

Hawthorn Uniting Parish

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Service Today
10am Advent Service
Rev Steve Crump

Next Sunday
10am Worship Service
Rev Steve Crump

Sunday Service
10 am weekly

Holy Communion:
monthly:
10 am: 3rd Sunday

Music in Liturgy:
monthly:
10 am: 4th Sunday

Morning Coffee
10.15am monthly
1st Thursday in the
Eileen Pawsey
Room

Church Council:
7.45 pm monthly
1st Wed in the
Pawsey Room

Church Lunch:
12 noon in the Hall
monthly 3rd Sunday

*NB: Dates and times
may occasionally
change documented
in the pew sheet
notices*

THE ADVENT SEQUENCE, VENI EMMANUEL

**An Advent Carol Service, adapted from the service
compiled by Peter Moger and David Ogden, published by
the Royal School of Church Music in June 2009**

In the Middle Ages, the Church kept Advent as a season of great solemnity - a time in which to meditate upon the ultimate issues of death, judgement, hell and heaven. Advent, though, was also a time of great rejoicing. For Christ would come, not only as Judge, but also as Saviour, and would usher in the Kingdom of God. Advent, therefore, provided a vivid preparation for Christmas. Processions from west to east, and the use of lights, spoke of the Church's hope in the coming of Christ - the Light of the world - to banish sin and darkness. Antiphons were sung, calling upon God to deliver his people, and readings from the Old Testament were seen as pointing to the fulfilment of God's purposes in Jesus.

This Service aims to recapture something of that Advent longing and hope. It begins with the Advent Responsory, in which Christ's coming is announced 'from afar', then comes the Blessing of Light. The remainder of the Service is structured around the great Advent Antiphons, known as the Great 'Os'. These were sung originally as Antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from 17th to 23rd December, and have provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent. The readings and music serve to complement the Antiphons, and help us reflect on the theme of the Christ who comes to judge and save his people. The Antiphons are gathered together in the final hymn, O come, O come, Emmanuel, and the Service ends in confident hope in the One who is to come. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

THE GATHERING

ADVENT RESPONSORY (*cantor sings*)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

First Responsory of Advent Sunday (office of Matins)

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

You, O Lord are my lamp:

You turn our darkness into light.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

In your light shall we see light.

Your word is a lantern to my feet:

and a light upon our path.

The Advent Candle is lit

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:

a light no darkness can quench.

Cantor (sings) Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, eternal creator of day and night. Now, hear the prayer of your faithful people. Wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire, and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we live in watchfulness as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who shall judge the world and all its works. Rouse us from the sleep of sin and make us ready to enter your kingdom where songs of praise for ever sound. For you are the true light, who lightens everyone, and the new heavens and the new earth join to sing your praise now and for evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN – *Come, thou Redeemer of the earth*

The choir alone sings verse 1

1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
 And manifest thy virgin-birth:
 Let every age adoring fall,
 Such birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will,
 But of the Spirit, thou art still
 The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
 The Saviour, now to man displayed.

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for ... Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and Comforter.

We pray for ... Break in to our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you forever.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember... Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven Lord Jesus with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you, that with (*N and*) all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom
in the words our Saviour gave us.

Our Father in heaven....

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay to give new courage to your people who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**