

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Led by Rev Daniel Cheyne and will include the act of Holy Communion**

**Welcome and Notices**

**Hymn MP 116**

Down from His glory, ever-living story,  
my God and Saviour came, and Jesus was His name;  
born in a manger to His own a stranger,  
a man of sorrows, tears and agony!

*(Chorus) O how I love Him! how I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all-in-all!  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
and all God's fulness dwelleth in Him!*

What condescension, bringing us redemption,  
that in the dead of night, not one faint hope in sight;  
God gracious, tender, laid aside His splendour,  
stooping to woo, to win, to save my soul. *(Chorus)*

Without reluctance, flesh and blood,  
His substance, He took the form of man, revealed the hidden plan;  
O glorious mystery, sacrifice of Calvary!  
And now I know He is the great `I AM'! *(Chorus)*

**Prayer and lighting of Advent Candles**

**Reading – Isaiah 35 v 1 – 10**

**Hymn MP457**

Make way, make way, for Christ the King  
in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
into your lives.

*Chorus (Men with Ladies echoing each line)*

Make way  
make way  
for the King of kings;  
make way  
make way  
*(All) and let His kingdom in!*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify.  
*(Chorus)*

We call You now to worship Him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before Him,  
their thrones must fall!  
*(Chorus)*

## **Gifts and Prayer of dedication**

### **Hymn CP170**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
*(Chorus) Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of all before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
*(Chorus)*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make us holy, let us die to make men free,  
while God is marching on.  
*(Chorus)*

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave:  
He is wisdom to the mighty; He is succour to the brave:  
So the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of time his slave:  
Our God is marching on.  
*(Chorus)*

## **Sermon**

## Hymn MP111

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives Thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of Thy call,  
as noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
as fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** including the singing of the Lord's Prayer

## Hymn MP 83

*Come and join the celebration,  
it's a very special day;  
come and share our jubilation,  
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds  
hurry down to Bethlehem;  
gaze in wonder  
at the Son of God who lay before them.  
*Come and join the celebration...*

Wise men journey,  
led to worship by a star,  
kneel in homage,  
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so  
*Come and join the celebration....*

'God is with us',  
round the world the message bring;  
He is with us, 'Welcome!'  
all the bells on earth are peeling.  
*Come and join the celebration...*

## Benediction

**Exit Music:** Chorale Prelude 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland'  
( 'Now, come, Saviour of the Gentiles' ) by J S Bach