

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ONLINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 29th November 2020

First Sunday in Advent

Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell

Organist/Pianist: Mr John Ekin

Piano Prelude There is a hope – Townend and Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

INTROIT Hark the glad sound! – the Saviour comes (Creditor)

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE Lo! He comes with clouds descending (Helmsley)

Lo, he comes, with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears;
Cause of endless exaltation
To his ransomed worshippers;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See! the day of God appears!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly; O come quickly; O come quickly;
Alleluia! come, Lord, come!

after J Cennick (1718-1755),
C Wesley (1707-1788) altered

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

PRAISE How lovely on the mountains (Our God reigns)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
Who brings good news, good news,
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns! (twice)

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! (twice)

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! (twice)

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,

Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns! (twice)

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading John 1:1-14

ANTHEM Christ, be our light (B. Farrell)

Sermon There is hope

PRAISE 297 Jesus, hope of every nation (Stuttgart)

- 1 Jesus, hope of every nation,
light of heaven upon our way;
promise of the world's salvation,
spring of life's eternal day!
- 2 Saints by faith on God depending
wait to see Messiah born;
sin's oppressive night is ending
in the glory of the dawn.
- 3 Look, He comes! -- the long-awaited
Christ, Redeemer, living Word;
hope and faith are vindicated
as with joy we greet the Lord.
- 4 Glory in the highest heaven
to the Father, Spirit, Son;
and on earth all praise be given
to our God, the Three-in-One!

Michael Arnold Perry, 1942-1996

Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Postlude Concluding Voluntary – Nigel Ogden