



# Order of Service



Evening supper, song and worship  
3 December 2023  
Linking with the Christian calendar



## The season of Advent

Worship led by  
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## **Ch4 279 Make way, make way, for Christ the King**

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

*Chorus*

*Make way, make way, for the King of kings;  
Make way, make way, and let his kingdom in.*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
the prisoners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
the blind shall see.

*Chorus*

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy, and royal crown  
he'll beautify.

*Chorus*

4. We call you now to worship him  
as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him,  
their thrones must fall!

*Chorus*

### **Opening prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

## **Bible reading Psalm 33: 12-13 & 18-22**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.  
From heaven the LORD looks down  
and sees all mankind;  
But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.  
We wait in hope for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.  
May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.

## **John 1: 5**

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it.

**THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.**

## **Ch4 543 Longing for light**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Chorus*

3. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus*

4. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Chorus*

### **Discuss these questions**

What are your hopes for this Season of Advent?

What inspires you?

What is your vision of the world as God would have it?

How do you put hope into practice?

How as your imagination helped you?

If you were more patient, how would your life change?

### **Prayer**

#### **Ch4 336 Christ is our light!**

1. Christ is our light! The bright and morning star  
covering with radiance all from near and far.  
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray  
into our hearts, into our world today.

2. Christ is our love! Baptised that we may know  
the love of God among us, swooping low.  
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face  
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

### **Benediction**

#### **A final prayer**

God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer  
as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour. Amen

