

## **A service of music and readings for Advent**

### **Introduction**

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel – sung by Brian Moles**

**Minister** You, O Lord, are my lamp  
**All** **You turn 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 first Advent Candle is lit*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:  
**A light no darkness can quench**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**He is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise**

**Blessing of Light**

### **Adam lay y bounden – a pre-recorded piece**

### **A sequence of readings ‘Looking for the light’**

**Genesis 1.1-5** And God said: Let there be light

*A second candle is lit not on the wreath*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who alone does great wonders,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who by wisdom made the heavens,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who laid out the earth upon the waters,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who made the great lights,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

The sun to rule the day,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

The moon and the stars to govern the night,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

**Baruch 4.36 – 5.9** Look to the east

*A third candle is lit*

**Music** **Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices (Bach)**

**Isaiah 9.2,3,6,7** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light

*A fourth candle is lit*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

**All In your light shall we see light**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!  
All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

**All In your light shall we see light**

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the well of life

**All In your light shall we see light**

**I Thessalonians 5.1-11,23,34**

You are not in darkness, for you are all children of light

*A fifth candle is lit*

**MUSIC The Angel Gabriel**

**John 3.16-21** I am the light of the world

*The paschal candle is lit*

**MUSIC Veiled in Darkness**

We wait for your loving-kindness, O God,  
**in the midst of your temple.**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
**and all flesh shall see it together.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

**Lord's Prayer**

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.  
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light.  
Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.  
**Even so, Lord, come.**

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.**

**Blessing**

**MUSIC**