

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

Muisc 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