

## **WORSHIP AT HOME 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **Second Sunday in Advent**

#### **Let's sing**

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord

For he alone is worthy yes he alone is worthy  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory yes give Him all the glory  
We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord  
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**A prayer** Loving, faithful God, as your people of  
old waited and watched for Your coming to  
earth in Jesus, so we wait and watch.

As we come before you now -

**Fill us with your light**



*(If you have an Advent wreath with you please  
symbolically light the candle now)*

#### **LET'S PRAISE GOD TOGETHER**

**MAKE WAY**, make way, for Christ the King  
In splendour arrives.  
Fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
Into your lives.

*Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings. (For the King of kings.)  
Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in.*

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

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
Who weep and sigh;  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all.  
To have no gods before Him,  
Their thrones must fall!

#### **Our readings - Luke 11 vs 22-24**

Now there was also a dispute among them, as to  
which of them should be considered the  
greatest. <sup>25</sup> And He said to them, "The kings of

the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and  
those who exercise authority over them are  
called 'benefactors.' <sup>26</sup> But not so *among* you; on  
the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let  
him be as the younger, and he who governs as  
he who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who *is* greater, he who sits  
at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who  
sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One  
who serves.

#### **Mark 9 vs 38**

Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving  
out demons in your name and we told him to  
stop, because he was not one of us."

**Time to reflect** I often call myself a 'jack of all  
trades', aware that I can put my hand to most things,  
but not necessarily excelling in them. There are  
others who excel at one thing. When I was at school  
I played the recorder. While playing I'd look around,  
all the other instruments seemed far more  
interesting than my recorder. One day my music  
teacher - Mrs. Bevan - said "Frances you'll never  
learn to play your recorder properly if you keep  
looking at the violins and wishing you were playing  
them"!!!

The disciples were found to be arguing about who  
was the greatest, yet great works were not done  
through being the best, but by having a servant  
heart in whatever they did. They even got annoyed  
one day when someone else was casting out demons  
in Jesus name - as if they as disciples had a  
monopoly on goodness. When we read about John  
the Baptist, we find a man with an obedient servant  
heart. Content just to do God's will wherever that  
led him - even in the wilderness eating locusts and  
honey. He didn't worry that others might do things  
better than him. It didn't matter that he wasn't the  
most important. He wasn't jealous when his own  
disciples moved to follow Jesus, but rejoiced. He  
was willing to step down to let others step up. He  
knew his work was to point people to Jesus

John the Baptist was put in a place, in certain  
circumstances, and at a time to do what God  
required of him. We are exactly the same. Whether  
you are a jack of all trade, or a master or some, with  
restrictions and changes, we are at this time just  
where God wants us to be. Let's try not to look at  
what others are doing and wish it were us. Let's  
concentrate on who and where we are, on what we  
can do and not what we can't. It's not a competition  
but a joint effort. God expects nothing of us, His

Love is sufficient for each day. We may feel in isolation, but as God's children we are actually part of a huge worldwide family. Let's rejoice that God as Love is still at work in us and in His world,

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### **THIS SONG LEADS INTO OUR PRAYERS**

God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see,  
He will make a way for me. He will be my guide  
Hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way, He will make a way  
By a roadway in the wilderness He leads me  
Rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and earth will fade,  
but His Word will still remain  
He will do something new today  
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"You might be here in this moment, and think God has forgotten you, about your situation, but he hasn't. The Bible says that we are inscribed on the palm of His hand. Heaven and earth may fade, but his Word will still remain. He can do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we could ever ask or think. AMEN

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### **LET'S PRAY FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES**

*We used the words of this song between prayers....*

**Born in the night, Mary's child.  
A long way from your home.  
Coming in need, Mary's child.  
Born in a borrowed room.**

Lord we pray this day for all those who are walking away from danger, but with no destination. For those who have no home of their own. For people far from their homes & families.

**Clear shining light, Mary's child  
Your face lights up our way  
Light of the world, Mary's child  
Dawn on our darkened day**

Lord we pray and give thanks for everyone who lights the life and journey of others. For aid workers, NHS staff & carers, emergency workers. For all acts of kindness and generosity. For the bright lights of this Advent season.

**Hope of the world, Mary's child  
You're coming soon to reign  
King of the earth, Mary's child  
Walk in our streets again.**

Lord walk with everyone today who is suffering, sad, worried, frightened, depressed, lonely. Walk with those who face a 'battle' every day. Walk with us, as you did with those who have moved now to a place of rest in heaven.

**AMEN**

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**Our offering** At this time of year Lord may we never forget the needs of others. As we offer these gifts and those laid aside, help us to use our money wisely, to bring love, joy and peace to others. Bless our gifts and ourselves, that your Kingdom will increase **AMEN**

### **LET'S SING TOGETHER**

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame  
All hail", said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary",  
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria

For known as blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold  
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God", she said  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name"  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world  
Will ever say

**"Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!**

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### **A blessing prayer**

In the beauty of the world, see God  
In the word of a neighbour, hear God  
In the touch of a friend, feel God  
In your actions, love God  
Go with God for God goes with you, and will bless you. **AMEN**

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