

Third Sunday in Advent

15th December 2024

Led by Fiona Bennett & Junior Church

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: Waiting for Peace

ALL: We look to God's Promise

One: Waiting for Hope

ALL: We seek for God's Saviour

One: Waiting for Love

ALL: We work with God's Spirit

ALL: Holy Three-in-One we gather to worship you.

Hymn: Come and join the celebration CH4 321

Come and join the celebration

It's a very special day

Come and share our jubilation;

There's a new King born today!

See, the shepherds

Hurry down to Bethlehem,

Gaze in wonder

At the Son of God who lay before them

Come and join the celebration

It's a very special day

Come and share our jubilation;

There's a new King born today!

Wise men journey,

Led to worship by a star

Kneel in homage

Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so

Come and join the celebration

It's a very special day

Come and share our jubilation;

There's a new King born today!



Winter Solstice
Jan Richardson

"God is with us"
Round the world the message bring
He is with us
"Welcome", all the bells on earth are pealing
Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and share our jubilation;
There's a new King born today!

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Prayer

One: By day and by night,
ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)
One: In our strength & fragility,
ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)
One: In our hope & fear,
ALL: Emmanuel is with us (using BSL)

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord's prayer...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of all,
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of
Justice and Love
sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory
of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Advent Candle

3rd Candle

One: This is a candle for Faith.
We light this candle for all messengers
Preparing the way for change,
Pointing to a new age to come.
ALL: GOD AS WE WAIT FOR YOUR PROMISE
GIVE LIGHT, GIVE FAITH.

Hymn: Hope is CH4 284

Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,
never consumed, though it burns through the years;
dim in the daylight of power and privilege —
when they are gone, hope will shine on.

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows —
violence and force their dead-end course.

Faith is a candle of trusting and waiting,
Sharing the story passed down through the years.
Trusting the message that new life is coming;
In place of despair, light will shine there.

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Every Baby wants – by Bob Hartman

Every baby wants
to be held safe and warm,
to hear their first lullaby,
to drink from their mother's breast,
to snuggle up against a soft blanket,
to sleep and dream and dream of peace.

So Maybe that is why
when God came to visit,
God came as a baby.

To be held safe and warm,
to hear their first Lullaby,
to drink from their mother's breast,
to snuggle up against a soft blanket,
and to dream with us a dream of peace.

Reflection

Hymn: The virgin Mary had a baby boy CH4 300

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy

and they say that his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom; X2
O yes, believer!
O yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born
and they sang that his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom; X2
O yes, believer!
O yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

The shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born
and they say that his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom; X2
O yes, believer!
O yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.

West Indian carol, public domain

Nativity by the AUC Junior Church

Offering & Dedication of Gifts for Fresh Start, Christian Aid, Edinburgh Direct Aid, Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

Communion

Gathering:

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Sharing

Celebrant: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: Holy Loving God,

For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come

ALL: We praise and thank you

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.

This cup as promised by God,

True to God's Word,

Cradles our Lord

Food the good of us all.

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Peace

Celebrant: Let us sign the Peace to each other...

Closing Response

Celebrant: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: See him lying CH4 310

See Him lying on a bed of straw
A draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the babe she bore
The Prince of Glory is His name
Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear again.
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of Glory when He came

Star of glory sweep across the skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world.
Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear again.
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of Glory when He came

Mine are riches from Your poverty
From Your innocence eternity
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
Child of sorrow for my joy
Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear again.
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of Glory when He came

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 15 th Dec	11am	AUC and Online	Nativity & gift service led by Fiona Bennett and Junior Church
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 15 th Dec	12 noon	Online	
TLC Youth	Sun 15 th Dec	12.30-3pm	AUC (Mull) and Online	For those in S1 and up. TLC Youth offers space to share food, reflect on topics of life and faith and spend time with each other. For more information please contact Matt (youth@augustine.org.uk)
Our Tribe Online	Thurs 19 th Dec	7.30pm	Online	Please join OT for a Christmas celebration with a fun Christmas quiz, time of sharing and communion.
Sunday Worship	Sun 22 nd Dec	11am	AUC and Online	Laurence is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 22 nd Dec	12 noon	Online	
Service of the Longest Night	Sun 22 nd Dec	1pm	AUC	An Advent space to remember those we miss and grieve. Open to all.

Zoom ID for worship: 84317815003

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