

**The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton**  
*Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities*



**Sunday 29 November 2020**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

**Recorded at**  
**St James the Apostle, Pulloxhill**

**Words of Welcome & Introduction**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
**Jesus is our Way.**

With Jesus even dark places are light.  
**Jesus is the Truth.**

In Jesus we shall live for ever:  
**Jesus is our life.**

**Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**1** O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**2** O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.

**4** O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

**6** O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

**3** O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

**5** O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode.

**7** O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.

**Prayers of Confession**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*cf. 1 Corinthians 4:5*

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleansing you from your sins  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Bible Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9**

Read by Roy Pinnock

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Address

**Hymn:** Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining

1. Lord the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus light of the world shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

*Refrain:*  
*Shine Jesus shine,*  
*Fill this land with the Father's glory.*  
*Blaze spirit blaze,*  
*Set our hearts on fire.*  
*Flow river flow,*  
*Flood the nations with grace and mercy.*  
*Send forth your word*  
*Lord and let there be light.*

2. Lord I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kindly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word  
Lord and let there be light.

## Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Intercessions** led by Liz Coulson

*Bidding:* Lord in Your mercy

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Blessing**

May God himself, the God of peace,  
make you perfect and holy,  
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit  
be yours and remain yours,  
this day, every day and for ever more  
**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**