



# Welcome to Orchardhill Church

Sunday 22 November 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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**From wherever you are watching or listening,  
welcome to this shared time of worship from  
Orchardhill Church.**

**Introit HYMN 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.

Christ is the light that the prophets awaited,  
Christ is the lion, the lamb, and the child.  
Christ is the love, and the mystery and laughter—  
candles, make way! Christ is the day.

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**Responsive reading Psalm 93**

**The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.**

Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.  
The seas have lifted up, Lord,  
**the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
**mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the Lord on high is mighty.**

Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;  
**holiness adorns your house  
for endless days.**

**Prayer & Lords Prayer**

## HYMN

### We wait with great expectancy

to see your Kingdom come.

We trust your word to be fulfilled  
and pray your will be done.

So in our world of ache and loss  
we're calling out, as one:

Come Lord Jesus,  
we hunger and we yearn  
for your return.

Come Lord Jesus,  
oh we pray for your return.

You came to us so long ago  
and you will come again.

We long for heaven on the earth,  
an end to grief and pain.

Lord, may our lives anticipate  
and usher in your reign.

Come Lord Jesus,  
we long to know you here,  
come and draw near.

Come Lord Jesus,  
oh we long to know you here.

So lead us in your patience, Lord,  
and help us match your pace,  
to walk the straight and narrow road  
in rhythms of your grace,  
and may this Advent way of life  
all hurriedness replace.

Come King Jesus,  
and teach us how to wait,  
you are not late.

Come King Jesus,  
help us worship as we wait.

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## All Age Time

### Scripture - Colossians 1:13-23 *read by Judy Byrne*

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your mind because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

## SERMON

## **HYMN CH4 374**

### **From heav'n You came, helpless Babe,**

Entered our world, Your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice;  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone Him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving

## **Offering**

### **HYMN**

#### **What can I give him,**

poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would do my part,-  
yet what can I give him,  
give my heart.

#### **Prayer of Intercession and Dedication** by Lorna McLean

## **HYMN CH4 436**

### **Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**

Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified: ....

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

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