

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

(Advent 2)



*Life Away from the Garden, Chris Koelle*

### **Opening Hymn**

1. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749); trans. John Chandler (1806-1876) alt.*

## Collect of the Day

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19



1. Endow the king with your justice, **O** God :  
the royal **son** with **your righteous-ness**.
  2. May he judge your people **in** righteousness:  
your afflict-**ted** ones **with justice**.
  3. May the mountains bring prosperity **to the** people :  
the hills **the** fruit **of righteous-ness**.
  4. May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children **of**  
**the** needy :  
may **he** crush **the opp-ressor**.
  5. May he endure as long as **the** sun :  
as long as the moon, **through** all gen-**er-ations**.
  6. May he be like rain falling on a **mown** field :  
like show-**ers** watering **the earth**.
  7. In his days may the right-**eous** flourish :  
and prosperity abound **till the** moon is **no more**.
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18. Praise be to the LORD God, the God **of** Israel :  
who alone **does** marvel-**lous** deeds.

19. Praise be to his glorious name **for**-ever :  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory. \* **A**-men **and** **A**--men.

Glory be to the Father and to **the** Son :

And to **the** Ho-**ly** Spir-it.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever **shall** be :

World with-**out** end, **A**-men.

### ***Offertory Hymn***

1. Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
the prisoner leaps to loose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the humble poor are blest.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head  
his name like incense shall arise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Isaac Watts [1674-1748]*

## ***Final Hymn***

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3. Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

4. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest;  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is love.

*James Montgomery [1773-1854]*

## Notices

### ***Young Church Song Practice***

All members of Young Church meet in the Hall from 9:55-10:10am next **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December** for Nativity song practice.

### ***Boulders Christmas Party***

The Boulders (P7-S6) Christmas Party will be next **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm**. Meet in the Hall for a Christmas cookie decorating context and Christmas movie followed by s'mores over the fire pit outside.

### ***Traidcraft***

Next **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December** will see the last Traidcraft stall of the year. Please do come get some last-minute Christmas treats! If there is anything you need in the meantime, please do ask – happy to open the cupboard!

### ***Nativity Presentation***

The Nativity Dress Rehearsal will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1-3pm**. All children and young people over 3 years who are participating in the Nativity Presentation need to attend.

### ***Butterflies Christmas Party***

The Butterflies 'Messy Nativity' and Christmas Party is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10-11:30am** for children under 5 and their parents, grandparents, and carers. Children can come in a costume or borrow one of ours. We'll start in the church and then end in the Hall for Christmas crafts and refreshments in the Hall.

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## This week...

*Zoom links & liturgy booklets can be found at [www.stasstas.com](http://www.stasstas.com)*

### **Monday**

10am ~ Butterflies

### **Wednesday**

9pm ~ Compline (Zoom)

### **Thursday**

12noon ~ Midday Prayer (Zoom)

### **Friday**

11am ~ Holy Communion

### **Sunday's Services**

10am ~ Choral Eucharist

5pm ~ Choral Evensong

## Sharing the Common Cup

Since Covid-related restrictions were eased we have reintroduced the common cup as part of our sharing in Holy Communion. Please be assured that we are making considerations of hygiene paramount, and each chalice is wiped with a purificator soaked in 97% grain alcohol after each communicant. If you are more comfortable receiving only the bread, then please feel entirely free to do so. **Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the cup of wine) is NOT permitted.**



## Today's readings

At 10am: Isaiah 11.1-10  
Romans 15.4-13  
Matthew 3.1-12

At 5pm: 1 Kings 18.17-39  
John 1.19-28



## Next Sunday's readings

At 10am: Isaiah 35.1-10  
James 5.7-10  
Matthew 11.2-11

At 5pm: Isaiah 5.8-30  
Acts 13.13-41



## **Giving**

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# Saint Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church



Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

Welcome to church today! If you are here for the first time or visiting, we're especially pleased to have you with us and trust that you will feel at home and able to take a full part in our worship. But please feel absolutely free to participate in as much or as little of what goes on as you are comfortable with.

Worship is a time when we enter consciously into God's presence together, bringing with us all that we are and all that we have – our joys and sorrows, our hopes and anxieties, our achievements and our failures. We believe that God delights to meet with us, and to pour out his healing and transforming power among us as we offer up our praise and petitions, laying both our fullness and our emptiness before him; because he made us and loves us, despite everything.

Saint Andrew's St Andrews is a mixed congregation from many different walks of life, discovering together what it means to love God and to love those God has given us as our fellow-Christians, neighbours, co-workers, and strangers – even those we frankly find it difficult to get along with! So, we're on a steep learning curve, and all at different stages on the way.

We are a church with an open door where every-one is welcome. We make absolutely no apologies for our commitment to Jesus, but nor do we expect you necessarily to share that commitment or to bear its costs. You are welcome among us as a believer, a sceptic, someone unsure of what exactly they believe, or someone simply seeking sanctuary and solace from the unpredictable ups and downs of life, its hurts and disillusionments. Wherever you're coming from, you'll rapidly discover that there's no 'normal' here.

If you are visiting Saint Andrew's St Andrews from another church, please take our greetings with you to your own congregation when you return there.