

2nd Sunday in Advent
Hymn Sheet for Sunday 8th December
Morning Worship led Paul Wake and Julie Payne
with a talk by Tom Foxon from “Good News for Everyone”

Welcome, Church Family News and Notices

Lighting of candles

Call to Worship:

Hymn MP249

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
who brings good news, good news,
proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
your God reigns,

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
your God reigns,

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:
your God reigns,

Prayers of Thanksgiving

The following “Leading your church into growth prayer” may also be used at this point in the service...

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give,
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading Romans 1 v 15 - 18

Hymn

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy
Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven,
The humility of Christ.
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us
(Chorus)

*King of Heaven we will answer the call
We will follow, bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion
Filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him
(Chorus)

Reading Romans 10 v 13 – 15

Offertory and Prayer

Hymn MP64

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,
as Thou didst break the bread beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit longs for Thee, Thou living Word!

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy word the truth that saveth me;
give me to eat and live with Thee above,
teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that He may touch my eyes, and make me see;
show me the truth concealed within Thy word,
and in Thy book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

Bless Thou the bread of life to me, to me,
as Thou didst bless the loaves by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all!

Video and Talk – Tom Foxon from “Good news for everyone”

Hymn

God has spoken – by His prophets,
spoken His unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the One, the righteous Lord;
in the world’s despair and turmoil
one firm anchor still holds fast:
God is King, His throne eternal,
God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken – by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting son;
brightness of the Father’s glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of light to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking – by His Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long word expounding
God’s own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, His word unchanging,
God the First and God the Last.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn MP102

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:
by Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Grace

Exit Music: Jubilant Dance – Our God Reigns by David Blackwell