

St Andrew's and St George's West
Order of Service, 18 December 2022

Introit: "People, look East"

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: Into our world
As into Mary's womb....

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.

Leader: Into the forgotten places,
As into the stable ...

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.

Leader: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;
Into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution;
Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;
Into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;
And into our lives and longings,
Whatever our estate ...

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.

Leader: This is the good news:
Christ is coming,
And blessed are those who wait on the Lord.

**ALL: THEREFORE COME QUICKLY, LORD.
AMEN**

Hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,**

now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn: Child in the Manger

Scripture Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a, Matthew 1:18-25

Hymn 772: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful (twice, remain seated)

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS – BREAKING NEWS

Anthem: Infant Holy

Introduction to:-

Hymn: Once in Royal David's city stood a big apartheid wall

Dedication of the offering and Advent Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 631: A little child the Saviour came, Vs 1-3.

Sacrament of Baptism. (Incl, affirmation of faith, Apostles' Creed)

Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Hymn 796: The Lord bless you and keep you

Hymn 631: O Give thine angels charge, good Lord (Verses 5 and 6)

Benediction

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