



LUSS PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 27th November 2022 at 11.30am
First Sunday of Advent

A warm welcome back to Robin Easton who is leading our worship today

Welcome & Intimations
Entry of Bible
Call to worship

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

- 1. One red candle, warm and bright,**
shining gaily through the night:
Jesus, make this world your home;
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

Hymn 202 (CH4) – ‘Stand up, and bless the Lord’

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| 1. Stand up, and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice. | 2. Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear his holy Name,
And laud and magnify? |
| 3. O for the living flame
From his own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought! | 4. God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers. |
| 5. Stand up, and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up, and bless his glorious Name | |

Henceforth for evermore.

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading – Luke chapter 1 verses 39 – 56

Mary visits Elizabeth

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

Mary's song

46 And Mary said:

'My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me –

holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants for ever,

just as he promised our ancestors.'

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 277 (CH4) – ‘Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes’

1. **Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,**
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart exult with joy,
And every voice be song!
2. He comes, the prisoners to relieve,
In Satan’s bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
3. He comes, the broken hearts to bind,
The bleeding souls to cure;
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.
4. The sacred year has now revolved,
Accepted of the Lord,
When heaven’s high promise is fulfilled,
And Israel is restored.
5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven’s exalted arches ring
With thy most honoured Name.

Sermon

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 286 (CH4) – ‘Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!’

1. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercies sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

The Blessing

**"You are always welcome
at
Luss Parish Church"**

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- use hand sanitiser on entry**
- please keep the social distance of 1m at all times**