

# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Order of Service

### 7th of December 2025

### 3:00pm

# INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 9:2)

## **CAROL BOOK 2**

Come, thou long expected Jesus

**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.**

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE:            Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

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REFLECTION – *Advent Credo* by Daniel Berrigan

It is not true that creation and the human family are  
doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true:

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish  
but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination,  
hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true:

I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred  
should have the last word,  
and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
his name shall be called wonderful counsellor,  
mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims  
of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true:

To me is given authority in heaven and on earth,  
and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait  
for those who are specially gifted,  
who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true:

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh  
And your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind,  
of justice, of human dignity of peace  
are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true:

The hour comes, and it is now,  
that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.  
Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.  
Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:  
Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER

### **CAROL BOOK 3**

Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes

**Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart exult with joy,  
and every voice with song!**

**He comes the prisoners to relieve,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before Him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken hearts to bind,  
the bleeding souls to cure;  
and with the treasures of His grace  
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year has now revolved,  
accepted of the Lord,  
when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,  
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's exalted arches ring  
with Thy most honoured name.**

## BENEDICTION