



## 10.00 SUNG EUCHARIST

*Celebrant: Revd. Canon Susan Macdonald*

### Hymn 186

Tell out, my soul

*Prayer at the Advent wreath (yellow leaflet)*

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### PREPARATION

*(page 1, blue service book)*

#### Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: and strengthen us by the might of your love; that, although we are hindered by our sins, your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us; for you live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(page 4, blue service book)*

#### Reading:

Micah 5:2 – 5a

*(p.899, pew Bible)*

#### Canticle

Luke 1:46b – 55 (Magnificat)

**My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour**

#### Hymn 11

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vv. 1, 2, 6 and 7)

#### Gospel:

Luke 1:39 – 45

**Hymn 161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord**

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**LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*(page 7, then page 11, blue service book)*

**At Communion:** *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after We use prayer (b) on page 30:

Communion **“Father of all ...”**

**Hymn Sing we a song of high revolt**

- 1 Sing we a song of high revolt;  
make great the Lord, his name exalt!  
Sing we the song that Mary sang  
of God at war with human wrong.  
  
Sing we of him who deeply cares  
and still with us our burden bears.  
He who with strength the proud disowns,  
brings down the mighty from their thrones.
- 2 By him the poor are lifted up;  
he satisfies with bread and cup  
the hungry ones of many lands;  
the rich must go with empty hands.  
  
He calls us to revolt and fight  
with him for what is just and right,  
to sing and live Magnificat  
in crowded street and council flat.

*Fred Kaan (1909-2009)*

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for  
Grace Lancaster and Linda Grant***

***Dear Friends and People of God,***

*Today, with four candles lit, the Song of Mary soars through the Gospel reading and into our hearts again, as it does every year on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.*

*For Mary's part, she does not initially greet the news of her pregnancy with her soaring song and blazing hope. When the angel tells her the news, she consents, but she is not singing yet.*

*Then Mary "made haste" to go to the Judean town in the hill country to see Elizabeth. Mary wants to be near someone who understands. Elizabeth is also pregnant by a miracle. Elizabeth, Mary knows, will not think that she is crazy.*

*And here, with another human being who understands that God works in really strange and unexpected and direct ways, Mary is able to find the courage to sing her song of hope. Not ordinary optimism, but great hope. The kind that catches fire. The kind that sings loud.*

*The best part about Mary's song of hope is that it is never hope unfulfilled. The Reverend Joseph Peters-Mathews, an Episcopal priest in Washington State, puts it this way: "That's why I love Advent ... Jesus never doesn't get born. We long, hope, wait, anticipate, and we are never let down at the last minute."*

*Advent and Christmas are here every year to remind us that God has already broken through. Despite the world's pain, the dawn is well on the way. And that is why Mary finds Elizabeth and sings her heart out.*

So, let us today find one another and sing our hearts out to the God who breaks through, too. Let us sing our hearts out to our God who breaks through, who sustains our lives, who dares us to hope big — and who beckons us to sing loud.

**With my love and prayers: Andi**

## **ADVENT APPEAL**

- **Advent Appeal** in aid of Aberlour Options Borders and Wilf's Place – envelopes are available until Christmas.

## **COMING UP:**

- today **Carol Service** 3pm followed by refreshments
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day** – Sung Eucharist at 10am
- Thur 26<sup>th</sup> **St Stephen's Day** – communion at 10am
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> **Holy Innocents** – communion at 10am
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> **St John the Evangelist** – Sung Eucharist at 10am

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Our welcomers have the key to the front door.