*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich:
2 Corinthians 8:9*

# 27 November 2022 - Advent Sunday at St. Andrew's, Killaney

# The Greeting - Hello and Welcome

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
**for He has visited and redeemed His people.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you**

*The minister introduces the service*

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the Lord.
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

# Come thou long expected Jesus - Hymn 119

1 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.

2 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 thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

# Penitence - saying sorry

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**
**we have broken your commandments;**
**we have often been selfish,**
**and we have not loved you as we should.**
**For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:**
**through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift

# Psalm 122 - we stand

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,
**“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”**

2 Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.
3 **You are built like a city that is closely compacted together.**

4 That is where the tribes of the LORD go up
**to praise the name of the LORD**

5 There stand the thrones for judgment,
**the thrones of the house of David.**

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
**“May those who love you be secure. 7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”**

8 For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”
**9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

# Preparing - to hear God’s word

Your word is a lantern to my feet **and a light upon our path.**
O Lord, your word is everlasting: **it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

# 2 Corinthians 8:1–9 - please be seated

A Reading from 2 Corinthians Chapter 8: beginning to read at verse 1:
And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

# The Advent Wreath - Light the First candle

# Candle Song - Thanks & Praise 3 v 1–4

1 Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray;
longing for the day of glory,
‘Come, Lord, soon’, we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.

2 Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear,
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message
- challenged, shaken –
hearts awaken: God is near!

3 John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured, brought
to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
‘Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.’

4 Mary’s gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling
in a mother’s womb.
Who could guess the final story? - cross and glory; empty tomb!

# Sunday Club begins

# The Sermon

# Give thanks with a grateful heart - Hymn 352

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”
Let the poor say, “I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us”

# Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God? **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**
**We believe and trust in One God,** **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

# Praying Together - Intercessions

Blessed are you, eternal God,
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ’s name:
**give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
**help us to share each other’s joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Hear our prayer, Lord God
**and make us one in heart and mind to serve you for ever. Amen.**

# Sunday Collect - Advent Sunday

# The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus

# Thou didst leave thy throne - Collection Hymn 114 v 1,2,4,5

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:

**O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.**

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang,
to proclaim thy royal degree;
yet in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in deepest humility:

Though thou camest, Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
yet with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

When the heav’ns shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee’.

# The Blessing - and Dismissal

We go into the world **to walk in God’s light,**
**to rejoice in God’s love** **and to reflect God’s glory.**

# Next Sunday Communion Sunday 12, Lighting Tree at 5!Next week is the final Foodbank Sunday of the year! Thanks!