

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for worship for Sunday 7th December 2025
Worship led by Revd James Breslin

Welcome and notices

Call to worship 2 Chronicles 36: 15

Lighting of the Advent Candles

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means coming, We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie
down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together;
and a little child shall lead them.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord

Hymn R&S 134 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Opening prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10

Family talk

Anthem

Hymn Come and be surprised, all nations (*Tune CH4 604*)

Come and be surprised, all nations,
Here behold the love divine;
Love to still all aspirations;
God concerned with humankind,
Come and see this speechless speaking,
See the Word in human form;
Love through every barrier breaking,
Love as basis, end and norm.

Come and see how Jesus entered
Earthly life, as did we all;
See how kings and workers centred
Round this baby in a stall.
See him, who in splendour great is,
For a time in human care;
See how Christ in humble status
Came with us our life to share.

To your holy invitation
We respond, and come, and see.
Kindle our imagination,
That our joy may lasting be.
Jesus, by your coming save us,
By your passion heal our pain;
Let no fear nor death enslave us;
By your Easter may we reign!

"Come and be surprised, all nations" by Fred Kaan
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Blessing for the offertory and for the Junior Church

(Junior church leave)

Reading Matthew 3: 1-12

Hymn R&S 168 To us in Bethlem city

Sermon

Hymn R&S 140 O Lord, how shall I meet you

The Thanksgiving and Communion

Hymn R&S 136 And art thou come with us to dwell

Blessing (Sung Amen)

