



*Brougham Place  
Uniting Church*

*December 3rd, 2023. 10.00am*

*Advent One*

*Preacher: Rev Dr Ian Price*

*Liturgical colour: Purple*

*Kardlayirdi Karnungga  
A light on the hill*

*We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.*

Prelude

Welcome

Niina marni!  
**Marni'ai!**

Welcome to this time of worship!

Acknowledgment of Country

Lighting of the Candles and Introit

*People Look East (Carol of the Advent)  
Eleanor Farjeon – Oxford Carol Book*

## Call to Worship - Advent 1 Candle Liturgy: Hope

O, that you would tear open  
the heavens and come down.

**We wait for you, O God.**

O, that you would make known  
your justice among all peoples.

**We wait for you, O God.**

O, that we would see your wonders  
in our midst.

**We wait for you, O God.**

We wait in hope.

We give thanks for your coming to us  
in times past.

We yearn for you to come again.

God has come among us.

God is coming again.

And so, as we wait, we light the candle of hope.

*The first Advent candle is lit.*

## We Sing: *He Came Down that We May Have Hope*

He came down  
that we may have hope;

He came down  
that we may have hope;

He came down  
that we may have hope,  
hallelujah for evermore.

*(Sing song twice)*

## Opening Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

God, remember us  
in this Advent time of watching and waiting.

Forgive us when we forget the stories of the past.  
Forgive us when we do not notice you in our midst.  
Help us to bear hope for the future.

Restore us, O God, shine your face upon us,  
that we might be made new. Amen

### Words of Grace

Friends, as we watch and wait for God,  
the Spirit interrupts us with hope.  
In Christ's name, you are forgiven and made new.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Community News and Notices

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### Children's Time

*Children may go downstairs for Sunday School. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.*

## Choral Anthem

*Hark the Glad Sound*  
*David Thorne (Fl A #22 P99)*

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37 (NRSVue)

### *The Coming of the Son of Man*

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

### *The Lesson of the Fig Tree*

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### *The Necessity for Watchfulness*

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

Message

## We Sing: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! rejoice!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to*  
*you, O Israel.*
2. O come, O come, great Lord of might  
who to the tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...*
3. O come, O key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...*
4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...*
5. O come, O dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! rejoice! ...*

*Together in Song, 265. Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on Antiphons  
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hand side as you exit the church.

## Offering Prayer

### Prayers of the People

Let us bring our prayers  
to God, who is present  
and surprises us.

... Christ come among us,  
**renew your world.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

### *We Sing: Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

1. Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead.  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.
  
3. In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare.

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Sending forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing:

*We Face East  
Brougham Place Worship Team*

Postlude

*Come and share morning tea together, in the basement.  
There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between the church  
and the car park leading to the basement.  
You are welcome!*

*Some of the liturgy in this service is adapted from  
L3 Liturgical Resource*



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