

Video Tearfund - Sorella's Story

Song What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus,
What a wonderful friend is He,
For He left all the glory of heaven,
Came to earth to die on Calvary .
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.
And He lives never more to die.
At the Father's right hand interceding,
He will hear and heed our faintest cry. *[Refrain]*

He is coming some day to receive us,
We'll be caught up to heaven above,
What a joy it will be to behold Him,
Sing forever of His grace and love. *[Refrain]*
A.E.Kennedy

Prayer with children

Collect (The Second Sunday of Advent)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour we may be ready to receive
him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p724) Mark Langston

Song The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone ...

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone ...

Reading: Matthew 3:1-6 (p967) Carol Blissett

Sermon Richard Webb

Song O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *[Refrain]*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave: *[Refrain]*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *[Refrain]*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *[Refrain]*
John Mason Neale

Creed Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God
**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers Ernest Okeke
(concluding with 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power & the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.