

MESSAGE

Rev. Aho

“Prophecy and Anxiety”

Mark 13:24-37

HYMN OF RESPONSE

REGENT SQUARE

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

*Lo, He comes with clouds descending, once for
favored sinners slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending swell the
triumph of His train.
Alleluia, alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in
splendor’s majesty.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and
nailed Him to the tree.
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true
Messiah see.*

*Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal
throne.
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom
for Thine own.
Oh, come quickly, oh, come quickly! Everlasting God
come down.*

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

arr., F. Ashdown

“People, Look East”

OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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REVEREND CHRISTOPHER AHO ~ PASTOR
MRS. CINDY JOY ~ MINISTER OF MUSIC/YOUTH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

10:00 AM

*Advent is a time of waiting to open our hearts to God's presence,
a time to pay attention to God's call.
God's love breaks in over and over again.
Be awake, for God is near.*

PRELUDE arr., P. Manz
“Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Rev. Aho

CALL TO WORSHIP (to be read responsively)

*We are waiting . . . in the dark of the year we are waiting.
**We are waiting . . . for the potter to shape
our lives.***

*We are waiting . . . to see clearly what lies hidden in
the darkness.*

***We are waiting, awake and alert . . . ready for
God to come.***

*In the darkness a candle is lit. The light comforts
our waiting.*

The light reminds us of the one who is to come.

ADVENT HYMN HYFRYDOL
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our sins and fears 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.

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom
bring.*

*By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Mr. James Lumpkins

Psalm 64:1-9

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

*On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope as
we anticipate the coming of Jesus, who is our hope now
and forever.*

In 1 Peter 1:3, we read ~

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a loving
hope.”*

*As we light this candle, we pray that the light of Hope will
shine in our hearts and in our world.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Aho

ADVENT MEDITATION

arr., M. Hayes

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mr. Lumpkins

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

arr., S. Pethel

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Abby Kate Lumpkins, soprano

*I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and
show me the way to the Father.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*