

Advent Week 2. Life in All its Fullness

John 10:7-18

Collect:

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

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⁷Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full.

¹¹'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his **life** for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my **life** for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my **life** – only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

(For O.T. background: Read Ezekiel 34:1-31)

Anglicised Greek words:

Zoe

Psyche

Intercessions: Bob Toan

Introduction to the Peace:

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessing:

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son
to come among us in great humility,
open your eyes to look for his coming again. **Amen.**

May God the Son
give you grace to live in the light of his coming as redeemer and judge. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit
free you from sin,
make you holy,
and bring you to eternal life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

NOTE: Distribution of communion.

Bread:

- *We often serve bread at communion.*

- *Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000*

Wine:

- *We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.*
- *We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.*

- *If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.*

A blessing:

- *If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.*

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- 2) Provide your details and preferred method of contact below and return this page to a member of the welcome team.

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