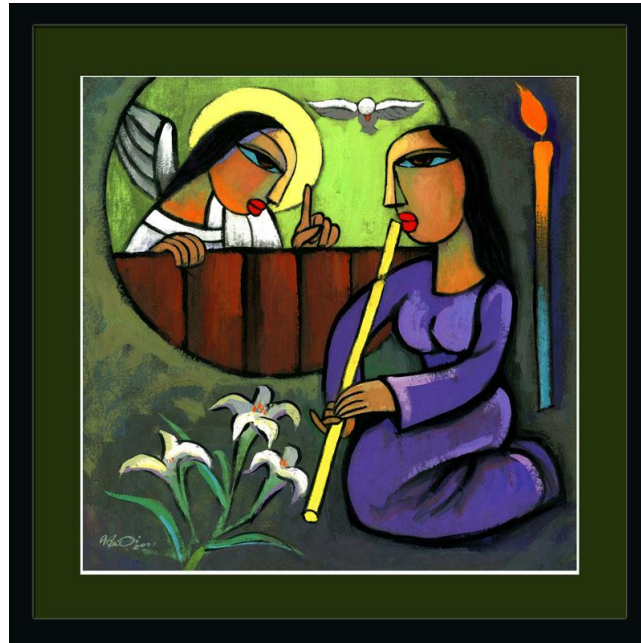


# Ormond Uniting Church



*Annunciation, He Qi*

## Advent 1

### November 30, 2025

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## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

**Call to worship**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

**1 Hymn:** 153 God is love let the heaven adore him

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Psalm 诗篇122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
*Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.*

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

*For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

*Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."*

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,  
"Peace be within you."

***For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Romans 罗马书13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Matthew 马太福音 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his

house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

This is the Word of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **Children's Address**

**2 Hymn:** 286 Light one candle

**Sermon:** The coming of Son of Man

**3 Hymn:** 276 There is a light upon the mountains

## **Offering**

## **Announcements and concerns of the church**

## **Prayer of the People**

Today I am using some of the With Love to the World resources as a basis for our prayers of the people.

Let us pray:

Loving God, may your love bring hope and peace to the ends of the earth.

You have advised us to “watch” and “keep awake”. In the busyness of our lives we are distracted from your advice by our use of screens, and social media, and work schedules. We forget to be vigilant in watching for your activity in our world. Nudge us into mindfulness so that we can enjoy your wonderful

creation, listen for your voice in our neighbours, and consider prayerfully the voices of the vulnerable.

Loving God, may your love bring hope and peace to the ends of the earth.

Father, we may not squander precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence or bickering and grabbing everything in sight. But maybe we have habits of hoarding wealth, desires of remaining comfortable and are unwilling to adapt our behaviours to meet change. Nudge us into a time of reflection during this Advent Season – examining those parts of our lives that need to change.

Loving God, may your love bring hope and peace to the ends of the earth.

Father, we are flabbergasted at the extreme amounts of money spent throughout the world on weapons of war and defense – ships, tanks and missiles. We wonder whether it might be possible for these monies to be spent on food, education, health, and accommodation. We see no way forward to advance your desire for peace in the world. Remind us that we are people of peace, and that we need to build bridges of peace in our own fractured lives and communities.

Loving God, may your love bring hope and peace to the ends of the earth.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen

Lords 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.**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**4 Hymn: 304 O Come all ye faithful (Epiphany version: V 1-2, 4-6)**

**Benediction**

You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational information on the church website.

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