



Parish Eucharist

First Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

We gather to worship

Please join in all parts of the service
printed in **bold** type.

The choir enters, then when the bell rings
we sing:

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all the earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou corner-stone uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

*The choir take their places in their stalls;
the servers and ministers stop at the font.
The congregation turns to face the font.
Children are invited to gather around the
font.*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The priest greets the people,

The Lord be with you
And also with you

*The priest introduces the worship;
then the deacon lights the first candle.
We say together,*

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a King:
Be born in our hearts
this Christmas,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.

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*The priest invites us to confess our sins.
Then the cantor sings,*
Heavenly Father, you have created a
universe of light: Forgive us when we
return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the
world: Cleanse and heal our blinded
sight.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
**Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our
hearts: renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
**Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.**

The priest declares God's forgiveness,

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins and bring us to
everlasting life.
Amen.

*The ministers take their places on the
platform as the choir sings,*

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
the Desire of all Nations and their salvation.
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The Collect

*The priest invites us to pray in silence, then
says the Collect, the prayer set for today,*

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,

that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We hear God's Word

First Reading *Jeremiah 43.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the
Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I
made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah. In those days and at
that time I will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up for David; and he
shall execute justice and righteousness
in the land. In those days Judah will be
saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this is the name by which it will
be called: 'The Lord is our
righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

*The choir sings verses from Psalm 25
We join in the responses*



We stand for the

Gospel Reading *Luke 21.25-36*

We stand to sing
Alleluia, ...

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his
paths straight, and all flesh shall see
the salvation of God.
Alleluia, ...

*We turn to face the reader
to hear the Gospel proclaimed,*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The sermon

We stand to say the Creed,

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all
things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death
and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life
of the world to come.**

Amen.

*We sit or kneel for the prayers
of intercession.*

*The reader says each time,
Maranatha!*

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*And at the end
...one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

The notices are given

We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

*The priest introduces the Peace, where we
greet one another in fellowship.*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break
upon us, to give light to those who dwell
in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*The deacon says,
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

The Offering

*During the offertory hymn the plate and card
reader will be available for contactless and
cash donations. Please indicate if you wish to
make an offering.*

We stand to sing,

**Like a sea without a shore
Love divine is boundless.
Time is now and evermore,
and God's love surrounds us.**

**Maranatha, Maranatha,
Maranatha, come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**So that we could all be free
God appeared among us.
Blest are those who have not seen,
Yet believe God's promise.
Maranatha...**

**All our visions, all our dreams,
are but ghostly shadows
of the radiant clarity
waiting at life's close.
Maranatha...**

**Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Closer than the air we breathe
Is our risen King.
Maranatha...**

*The priest takes the Bread and Wine
and says the prayers of preparation.*

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into
your Kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set
her table.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says
The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

The priest praises God for his mighty acts,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
**Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

*The priest continues,
recalling the Last Supper.*

Then the Deacon says,
Great is the mystery of faith
We sing after the choir,
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues, ending
... for ever and ever.*

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.

We sing,
Jesus, wisdom and mighty Lord,
you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, true branch of Jesse's tree:
you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.

Key of David and Day-spring
from on high, you take away the sins
of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.

Desire of nations, our Emmanuel,
you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.
Grant us peace.

We share in Communion

*Communion will be administered
in one kind on the hand.
Please come to the front and form a queue.
Please be mindful of the safety of others
and remain distanced.
You are encouraged to keep your mask
on to receive.
Communion will be brought to those
seated in the south aisle.
Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*Those who do not wish to receive are
warmly invited to come forward for an
individual blessing.*

The priest says,

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The choir sings the anthem,

I look from afar - arr. Palestrina.

We may sing this hymn,

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.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

**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!"**

Silence is kept.

The priest says this prayer,

O Lord our God, make us watchful
and keep us faithful as we await the
coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

We stand to sing this hymn,

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins 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 for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

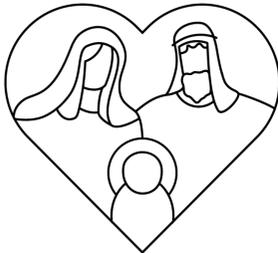
We bow our heads
Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine
upon you, scatter the darkness from
before your path, and make you ready
to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Advent Carol Service Tonight 5.00pm

**At the heart
of Christmas**



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