



Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday before Advent
19 November 2023

We gather in worship

Please join in all parts of the service printed in bold type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish.

Collection plates are at the back of church if you would like to donate before the service begins

Before we start, the Priest will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After praying, please remain quiet until, the bell rings and we stand to sing:

I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

I am the Well from whose
fresh springs
life giving water flows
and on each side a tree of life with
leaves for healing grows.

I am the Bread,
God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food,
who eats shall never die.

I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them, shall
live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
Whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Donations can be made using the contactless card reader during the offertory hymn.
There is a box by the entrance.*

Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website.

*The priest invites us to confess our sins,
and we say,*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory
of your name. Amen.

*The priest assures us of God's forgiveness,
and we join in this song of praise,*

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!

Glory to God in the Highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!

Lord Jesus, Christ,
only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!

For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest!

The Collect

*The priest invites us to pray.
Silence is kept*

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be
healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We listen for God's Word

We sit for the

First Reading

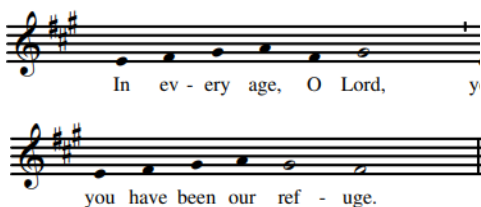
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the
seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to
you. For you yourselves know very
well that labour pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and there will be
no escape! But you, beloved, are not
in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; for you are all
children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. So then let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober; for those who
sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. But

since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The cantor leads Psalm 90 and we join in the refrain.



♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn us back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!
♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!
♪ **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25.14-30*

We stand to sing

♪ **Alleluia...**
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia...

We turn to face the centre 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, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had

received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what

was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

We sit for the Sermon, then we keep silence together.

The Creed

We stand to affirm our faith

**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 response in the prayers is
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and, at the end,

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

The priest introduces the Peace,

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Offering

We stand to sing this hymn as a collection is taken.. The plate and card reader will be available for contactless and cash donations. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering.

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled;
on His great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray,

each holy day,
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heaven,
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore;
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please remain standing during the
Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for
you.*

The priest says,

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us..

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 and we sing,

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

*The priest continues, recalling the Last
Supper, then the Deacon says,*

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing,

♪ **Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues ending with
...forever and ever
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.
Breaking the bread**

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,

♪ **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace.**

We share in Communion

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

Please come to the front and form a queue. Communion will be administered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice. Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle

The priest says,

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

We sing this hymn,

Behold the Lamb who bears
our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember:
the promise made that all
who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
we rise to respond: and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

The Choir sings the Anthem

Sacerdotes Domini - Byrd

*Sacerdotes Domini incensum et
panes offerunt Deo:
et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo et non
polluent nomen eius. Alleluia..*

Then did priests make offering of
incense and loaves of finest wheat to God:
and therefore shall they be holy to
their Lord and shall not defile his
most holy name. Alleluia.

We keep silence together

The priest says this prayer,

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we
long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.**

Notices may be given.

We may hear from the children.

We go into the world to share God's love

We stand to sing this hymn,

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and Blesséd Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
let there be light.

The Blessing

*We bow our heads
and pray for God's blessing:*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ our King make you faithful
and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him 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,
Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please remain standing until the choir
and ministers have left.*

*Please take this Service Sheet home with
you.*

*Refreshments are served after the
service. Please stay and join us, and
make yourself known if you are a
newcomer or visitor.*

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