

Longing for shelter,  
many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building,  
sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light  
Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light,  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Christ, be our light...*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

*Christ, be our light...*

### **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.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.  
**Amen.**

*We remain standing  
as the ministers depart.*

*Refreshments are served after the service.*

*Please stay and join us. If you are a  
newcomer or visitor we would love to  
meet you.*

## **Tonight 5.00pm Advent Carol Service**



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

*Please stand where indicated  
only if you wish.*

### **We gather to worship**

*When the bell rings we stand to 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...**

## **Parish Eucharist**

Advent Sunday  
27th November 2022

*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.**

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

○ Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High, and reachest from one end to another mightily, and sweetly ordering all things.  
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

*The priest invites us to confess our sins. We sing together,*

**Lord, have mercy (x3)**  
**Christ, have mercy (x3)**  
**Lord, have mercy (x3)**

*The priest declares God's forgiveness,*

### **The Collect**

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

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **We hear God's Word**

*We sit for the*  
**First Reading** Isaiah 2.1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:  
In the last days the mountain of the LORD'S temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.  
Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD."

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

*We remain seated for Psalm 122*  
*We all join in the response after the choir and between each verse.*

*Please come to the front and form a queue. Please be mindful of the safety of others and remain distanced.*

*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.*

*After your communion or blessing, there is the opportunity to receive anointing with oil for healing.*

*We sing this hymn,*  
**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 choir sings*  
This is the truth sent from above  
*R. Vaughan Williams*

*Silence is kept.*

*The priest says,*  
○ 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,*

**Longing for light,**  
**we wait in darkness,**  
**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**  
**Make us your own, your holy people,**  
**Light for the world to see.**

**Christ, be our light**  
**Shine in our hearts,**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light,**  
**Shine in your church gathered today.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we sing,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he, blessèd is he,  
blessèd is he who comes in the name  
He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

*We sit.*  
*The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the Deacon says,*  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
*We sing,*  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The priest continues, ending through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*  
**Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*We sit or kneel*  
As our Saviour taught, 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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated 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*  
**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us. (repeat)**  
**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins of the world  
Grant us your peace,  
Grant us your peace.**

*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 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.*



Let us go\_\_ re - joic - ing



To the house of the Lord.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
And now we have set foot  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact  
unity. To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

According to the decree for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the  
Lord. In it are set up judgment seats,  
seats for the house of David.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
prosperity in your buildings.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

Because of my siblings and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
Because of the house of the Lord, our  
God, I will pray for your good.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 24.36-44

*We stand to sing,*  
Alleluia, **Alleluia,**  
Alleluia, **Alleluia.**

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,  
And give us your saving help.

Alleluia, **Alleluia,**  
Alleluia, **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: "No-one knows about that  
day or hour, not even the angels in  
heaven, nor the Son, but only the  
Father. As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be at the coming of the Son  
of Man. For in the days before the  
flood, people were eating and  
drinking, marrying and giving in  
marriage, up to the day Noah entered  
the ark; and they knew nothing about  
what would happen until the flood  
came and took them all away. That is  
how it will be at the coming of the  
Son of Man. Two men will be in the

field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

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

*We sit for the Sermon.*

*We stand to say the Creed together,*

**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.*

### **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.**

*The notices are given*

*We celebrate Jesus  
in Bread and Wine*

### **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the 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.**

*We greet one another in fellowship as we  
exchange 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.*

**Hark the glad sound!  
The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne  
and every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release,  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace,  
to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven's eternal arches ring,  
with your beloved name.**

*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.**