



10th December 2023
Second Sunday in Advent



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Services next week in the Parish - 17th December

8.30am St John's - Holy Communion (traditional language)
9.30am St Hugh's - Holy Communion
10.00am St John's - Holy Communion
6.00pm St John's - Candlelit Carol Service

Welcome and notices

Hymn

**Lord of lords and King eternal,
down the years in wondrous ways
you have blessed our land and guided,
leading us through darkest days.
For your rich and faithful mercies,
Lord, accept our thankful praise.**

**Speak to us and every nation,
bid our jarring discords cease;
to the starving and the homeless
bid us bring a full release;
and on all this earth's sore turmoil
breathe the healing of your peace.**

**Love that binds us all together
be upon the Church outpoured;
shame our pride and quell our factions,
smite them with your Spirit's sword;
till the world, our love beholding,
claims your power and calls you Lord.**

**Saviour, by your mighty Passion,
once you turned sheer loss to gain,
wresting in your risen glory
victory from your cross and pain;
now O Saviour, dead and risen,
in us triumph, live and reign.**

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

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light dawning where there has been darkness.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New hope reigning where there has been death and despair.

The advent of the Lord is near.

All New light, new hope, new life for all creation.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:12

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse 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.

The Collect

Reading - Isaiah 40.1-11. At end of reading

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the father, who created all things:

All for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All for with his blood he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!' Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the word

At end of the prayers we say together

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The voice of one comes
crying out in the wilderness
... prepare the way of the Lord.

A messenger prepares the way,
transforming us like the refiner's fire
... calling us to account.

For the prophets of old have spoken,
announcing the breaking open of the dawn
... guiding our feet in the way of peace.

**All Merciful God forgive us...
Forgive us when we are quick
to point the finger at someone else.
Forgive us when we put our heads down
and ignore the cries of injustice.
Forgive us when we presume to understand
the complexity of issues that divide and distract
the peoples of the land your feet once walked.**

(pause for silent reflection)

All Merciful God...
forgive us, heal us,
encourage us and speak through us,
that we may be transformed through the refiner's fire,
and the offerings of our hands and our hearts
may prepare the way for the Christ child
to be welcomed among us in peace.

May God in mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. Take hold of this forgiveness and be at peace.

All Amen.

The children are welcomed from their worship and the notices are given.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Last Sunday we lit the first candle of hope in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations.

The first candle is lit again.

Bible reading

The second candle is lit

Let us pray

All Lord God you spoke through your prophets and promised a kingdom of peace. We welcome you Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace and our hearts long for the establishment of your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Hymn (during this hymn a collection will be taken for work of this parish. The contactless giving machine is available at the back of Church if you would prefer to give in this way).

**How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news;
proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness:**

**Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
*Our God reigns, our God reigns!***

**You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
your God reigns, your God reigns.
Your God reigns, your God reigns.
*Your God reigns, your God reigns.***

**Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
we are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted his people.
your God reigns, your God reigns**

**Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm:
your God reigns, your God reigns.....**

Preparation of the Table

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

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

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

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith
All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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 of the Bread,

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

After the choir anthem you are invited to join in with the singing of the hymn

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,
that gives me strength for every passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
my highest calling and my deepest joy,
to make his will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
a consolation strong against despair,
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.
for I am safe in everlasting arms,
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine
when I behold his face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
and every longing satisfied.
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
for I am truly home**

Prayer after Communion

Post communion prayer is said

All Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.

The children share their work.

Hymn

I cannot tell how he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

Blessing

With love and compassion,

All come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,

All come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,

All come, Lord Jesus.

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

‘**STICK WITH LOVE:** Rejoicing in every tongue, every tribe, every nation.’ Bishop Arun Arora, Bishop for the Leeds area of our Diocese is the author of this new book. May be you aren’t available to meet up in the afternoon for conversation. I will be at The Halfway House on the Otley Road, 20.00 - 21.00 on Tuesdays 12 and 19 December if you would like to meet up for a drink and a chat about this book. Ruth

MESSY CHURCH - is today at 4pm in St John’s Church Hall. All families are welcome.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - We are now on our final words on our theme of ‘...ing’ words. They focus on some of our reflection and preparations we make over the winter. We will be gathering at St James’ Church tonight at 6pm for a time to craft and share in seasonal refreshments. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Everyone is welcome to join us in the wonderful and peaceful setting of St James’s Church, Kirklands, every Wednesday 10.00am -12 noon. The final session of Wednesday Coffee for 2023 will be on 20th December, we re-open on 3rd January 2024. Carolyn Gomersal, Parish Nurse, is keen that we get a defibrillator to be placed in the grounds of St James’s Church. The PCC have agreed this proposal and the money raised at Wednesday Coffee will go towards this.

JULIAN MEETING – The next meeting of the Julian Group will be held on Wednesday 13th December 2.00 – 3.45pm at 48 Hoyle Court Road, Baildon BD17 6JP. Please note the change of date and venue. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

DOROTHY DENTON – Dorothy’s funeral will take place at St James’ Church on Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm. Our prayers are with Paul and David, other members of the family and friends.

TRIBUTE SOCIAL EVENING - I am delighted to say that the final figure for the amount raised at the Tribute Evening at the end of November was approximately £1,700! This is a fantastic amount of money and well done to Loraine and her team who organised it.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - I am delighted to say that the final figure raised over the two days last weekend is approximately £2,590.29. This again is a fantastic amount and my thanks go to the Social and Fundraising Committee and everyone who helped make the weekend such a success.

Christmas Events and Services

Sunday 17th December

6.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service at St John’s Church

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

10.00am - Joint Parish Communion Service at St James’s Church

4.00pm - Crib Service at St John’s Church

11.30pm - Midnight Communion at St John’s Church

Sunday 25th December

8.30am - Christmas Communion at St John’s Church

9.30am - Christmas Communion at St Hugh’s Church

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