



24th December 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Sunday - Christmas Eve

4.00pm St John's - Crib Service
11.30pm St John's - Midnight Holy Communion

Monday - Christmas Day

8.30am St John's - Christmas Communion
9.30am St Hugh's - Christmas Communion
10.00am St John's - Christmas Communion

Hymn

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

**O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Opening responses

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**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Last Sunday Candles of Hope, Peace and Love were lit.

Bible reading

The fourth candle is lit

Let us pray

**All Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we
wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect

Reading - 2 Samuel 7. 1 - 11, 16

At the end of the reading please respond

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Taize Chant

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!

Gospel Reading - Luke 1. 26 - 38

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 Luke

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 'Maranatha' would you respond 'Amen Come Lord Jesus'.

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

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

A short time of stillness for silent reflection.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen

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

All 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 with one another a sign of God's peace.

Hymn

**Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.**

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!....

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

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.**

Taize Chant

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you shall not thirst.**

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.

Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

The Christmas Light and 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

SANDRA AND RUTH would like to thank you for your generosity, cards and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER - There will be a joint parish service at St Hugh's Church at 10am on New Year's Eve. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER CHARITABLE GIVING Shelter supports help people fighting for their right to a safe home. A lack of affordable homes in the UK means the housing emergency is spiralling. More people are struggling in temporary accommodation or being forced onto the streets. When making a BACS donation to Shelter through the Parish Bank Account please quote the reference SHELTER. Final date for giving to this charity is 14 January 2024.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE at St James' will recommence on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION - will take place at St James' Church on Wednesday 3rd January. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICES - in the future please could all notices to go on the Sunday service sheets be sent to Sarah Baxter at sarah.baxter@parishofbaildon.uk.