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Third Sunday in Advent



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Hymn

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

Opening responses

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of 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 - Philippians 4:4-7

At the end of the reading please respond

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation,
in God I trust in God I trust.**

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 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

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.

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 children join us from their worship and notices are given.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope and Peace.

The first two candles of hope and peace are lit again.

Bible reading

The third candle is lit

Let us pray

All Lord Jesus, your servant John the Baptist called people to prepare for your coming by caring for one another. Give us willing hearts to reach out to all people in need with your love and compassion. 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 the peace with one another.

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.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has power to save us,
make us your living voice.**

Christ, be our light

**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

**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

**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

Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to
love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

All Amen.

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.**

The president and people receive communion. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen**

During the distribution after the anthem please join in with the hymn

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.**

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

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,.....

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,.....

Blessing and Dismissal

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

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Wednesday 18th December is our final session before Christmas. At this session everyone is invited to wear their Christmas jumpers! We re-open on 8th January 2024.

REFLECTIONS FOR 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - If you would like to take a booklet which gives reflections for the 12 days from Christmas Day until Epiphany these are available at the back of church. These are also available using the QR code which can be found on the bookmark so you can access the reflections that way. We are delighted to say that we can offer these booklets without charge.

PARISH DAY - I wanted to let you know some exciting developments which will take forward the work done on the Parish Day. One of the areas for development was communication and we are wanting to form a Communications Working Party. This will look at the ways we communicate internally with each other and how we present ourselves to the wider community. We are now asking for volunteers to think and pray about whether this is something you might help us with. Have you got skills, experience or vision for this work? For more information please contact Canon Sandra.

Another development has been the introduction of the blue lanyards at St John's. These are worn by people on duty so if you need any help before, after or during the service please do go to some wearing a lanyard. They are there to help!

CAROL SINGING - Would you like to come along and sing some carols at the Co-op on Saturday 21st December from 10am to 12noon or for just ten minutes to raise money for Centrepont.

JULIAN MEETING - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th December at 48 Hoyle Court Road at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - The Festival is still open on today -12 noon to 4pm. The church looks beautifully light with hundreds of twinkling lights. There is a Mouse Hunt for the children and Guess the Bear's name to win a very big brown bear, plus a festive café and the Parish Stall. Best of all, this very festive event is FREE! Programmes will be available for £3. Tell your friends and neighbours!

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CENTREPOINT - is our charity of the month for December. Thousands of young people will be facing homelessness alone this winter. Centrepoint is dedicated to ending youth homelessness. Once referred to Centrepoint, instead of worrying about what to eat or where to sleep, a young person can start to put their lives back together, safe in the knowledge that Centrepoint will be there for as long as they need them. You can make a donation towards the work of Centrepoint by BACS through the parish bank account using the reference CENTREPT.

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - This is a fifth Sunday of the month and there will be a joint Parish Holy Communion Service at St James's Church at 10am.

CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE - there will be an opportunity to sing some favourite carols in the village on Friday 20th December at 7pm outside Café Bar Twelve. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Events and Services

Sunday 15th December

4.00pm Messy Church

Sunday 22nd December

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service at St John's Church

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

4.00pm Crib Service at St John's Church

11.30pm Midnight Communion at St John's Church

Wednesday 25th December

8.30am Christmas Communion at St John's Church

9.30am Christmas Communion at St Hugh's Church

10.00am Christmas Communion at St John's

10.15am Christmas Communion at St James's