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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!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!*

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 - Micah 5:2-5a

At the end of the reading please respond

For the gift of your holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Born in the night, Mary's child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's child,
born in a borrowed room.**

**Clear shining light, Mary's child,
your face lights up our way;
light of the world, Mary's child,
dawn on our darkened day.**

**Truth of our life, Mary's child,
you tell us God is good;
prove it is true, Mary's child,
go to your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.**

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

To the word 'Marantha' would you please 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.

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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Last Sunday we lit the Candles of Hope, Peace and Love.

The first three candles are lit again.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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 (*during which the collection will be taken. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way*)

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son.**

**cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.**

**You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

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.
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.**

After the choir anthem please join in with singing the Taize chant

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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!**

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

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.

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 others 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!

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.

Christmas Events and Services

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