

Welcome to All Hallows

17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

11:15 Family Eucharist



*Feel free to ask the Priest before the service if you have any special intentions to be included in today's **Intercessions**.*

We do not practise Intinction (dipping the consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant) in this church. If you are unable to partake of the Common Cup, then it is legitimate to receive the host alone, since the body and blood are present in both species.

Be aware of the step-up if you use the pews on the north and south walls – we don't want anyone falling.

In case of an accident during the service if there is a trained medic in church they should take control and others should remain in their seats. A churchwarden should call for an ambulance if needed and the accident book should be filled in. The service will continue as normal if at all possible.

HYMN

- 1 For Mary, Mother of the Lord,
 God's holy name be praised,
 Who first the Son of God adored
 As on her child she gazed.
- 2 The angel Gabriel brought the word
 She should Christ's mother be;
 Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
 Made answer willingly.
- 3 The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
 And so God's will was done;
 The second Eve love's answer made
 Which our redemption won.

- 4 She gave her body for God's shrine,
Her heart to piercing pain,
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain.
- 5 Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.
- 6 Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace
In birth and death confessed.

J. R. Peacey (1896-1971) The New English Hymnal

GREETING

The President says

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

CONFESSION

Minister When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

 Therefore in the light of Christ let us call to mind our sins.

KYRIE

All **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

ABSOLUTION

The President says

 May the God of love and power
 forgive you and free you from your sins,
 help and strengthen you by his Spirit
 and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

 Let us pray
 that we may be ready when the Lord comes.

The Collect is said

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

The servant of the Lord said:

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
 and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, *
 ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
 and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
 as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears * shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
 will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

At the end the reader may say

 This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel,
God is with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

[Repeat once from the beginning.]

GOSPEL READING John 1.6-8,19-28

All Alleluia! [x4]

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

All Alleluia! [x4]

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

The President says

Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
we pray to Jesus.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

Silence is kept.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE – JOHN THE BAPTIST

The president says

Jesus said,

'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The third candle is lit.

Jesus is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can ever put out.

**All sing Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
changed for gladness on that Day.**

**John the Baptist, by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for the Lord.'**

PEACE

The president says

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.**

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

During the hymn a collection takes place.

HYMN

1 O come, O come Emmanuel!
 Redeem thy captive Israel,
 That into exile drear is gone
 Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Refrain *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, true Wisdom from on high!
 Who madest all in earth and sky,
 Creating man from dust and clay:
 To us reveal salvation's way.

3 O come, O come, Adonai,
 Who in thy glorious majesty
 From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
 Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
 The quarry from the lion's claw;
 From those dread caverns of the grave,
 From nether hell, thy people save.

5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
 The royal door fling wide and free;
 Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
 And bar the way to death's abode.

- 6 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Cologne 1710, based on the Advent Antiphons
tr. T A Lacey (1853-1931) and editors, melody Thomas Helmore (1811-90)*

TABLE PRAYER

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen;
 Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

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.**

(Or) **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and 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 sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The people come forward to receive communion, authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen**.*

QUIRE ANTHEM Gabriel's message

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

All **O 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.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts. [*Place hand on heart.*]
May God's peace be in our world. [*Sweep hand out in front.*]
May God's love be known between us. [*Embrace with arms.*]
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and for ever more.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

- 1 Hark! a herald voice is calling:
 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
 'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!'
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
 let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
 shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
 comes with pardon down from heaven;
 let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 one and all to be forgiven.
- 4 So when next he comes with glory,
 and earth's final hour draws ear,
 may he then as our defender
 on the clouds of heaven appear.

5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Anonymous Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878) HymnQuest ID: 53925

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

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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NOTICES

SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE: joint Benefice Eucharist at 10:30 at All Hallows; Nativity & Blessing of the Crib service follows at 18:00 at All Saints; then Midnight Mass at 23:30 at All Hallows.

SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY: Morning Eucharist at 8:00 and Family Eucharist at 9:15, both at All Saints.

ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Sun 17 Dec 18:00, All Saints' Church.

ALL HALLOWS

CAROL SINGING IN MARKET SQUARE Thur 21 Dec 18:00.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ is on sale at £1 each. Buy it from Margaret and Bob Addie or in the coffee shop in the in hall. Please submit your entry by 6 Jan.

INTERCESSIONS

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH of Wyoming (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie; The Porvoo Churches: Southwell and Nottingham, Borg

PRAY FOR Christian Smalley, Mick Mutlow, Atu Pele, Helen Smith, George, Nicholas Parker, Stuart, young Felix, Richard Hole, Ollie Ray, Doreen Stock, Phillip Byles, Ella Reid, Kathryn Woods, Michelle Chapel

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PLEASE CONTACT THE BENEFICE OFFICE, IF:

you would like to ask if a notice might be added to the folio;
or if a name might be added to the prayer / anniversary lists.

HOW THE PRAYER LIST WORKS:

1. Please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for.
2. Tell the Benefice Office whom to pray for and the reason why.
3. A name remains on the list for three months, unless discussed otherwise.

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DIARY

Sun 17 Dec

8:00	Eucharist	All Saints
9:15	Family Eucharist	All Saints
10:00	10 O'Clock Light	All Hallows
10:30	Coffee & Catch-up	All Hallows
10:45	Bell ringing	All Hallows
11:15	Family Eucharist	All Hallows
13:00	Open church	All Hallows
18:00	Christmas Carol Service	All Saints
19:30	Explorer Scouts	All Saints' Hall

Third Sunday of Advent

Mon 18 Dec

10:00	Rehearsal	All Saints
13:00	Jolly Tots	All Saints' Hall
18:00	Cubs	All Saints' Hall
18:15	Brownies & Rainbows	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Scouts	All Saints' Hall

Tue 19 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
13:20	School Nativity	All Saints
18:30	Guides	All Hallows' Hall
19:30	Bell ringing	All Hallows

Wed 20 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	School carol service	All Hallows
12:15	Midweek Eucharist	All Hallows
19:30	Football carol service	All Saints

Thu 21 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Hallows
10:00	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints
18:00	Carol singing	outside All Hallows

Fri 22 Dec

8:00	Morning Prayer	All Saints
9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows
12:30	All people's lunch	All Hallows' Hall
19:00	Choir practice	All Saints
19:00	Quire practice	All Hallows

Sat 23 Dec

9:30	Coffee morning	All Hallows' Hall
10:00	Open church	All Hallows

Sun 24 Dec**Christmas Eve**

10:30	Joint Benefice Eucharist	All Hallows
18:00	Nativity/Blessing the crib	All Saints
23:30	Midnight Mass	All Hallows

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