



Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Advent
5 December 2021

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor it is good to have you here. At All Saints we continue to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible as we worship, the details of these are below. We hope that you find peace and spiritual refreshment this morning as we journey through the season of Advent.

*We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church during worship.*

*We encourage you to use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave. Please wear a **face mask** when you are moving around the church. You may remove your mask whilst sitting in your pew, and for a brief period when receiving communion. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.*

Please take this service sheet home with you. Tea and coffee will be served after the service from the back of church. A one way system will be in place, we would ask that you get your drink and sit in a pew to chat to avoid crowding at the coffee station.

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. The minister(s) and the Child Bishop process into the church.

WELCOME

We remain standing as the minister welcomes us to the service.

HYMN

- 1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
 For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
 And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
- 2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
 The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.

- 3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
- 4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry glory to God all-in-all!

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GREETING

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

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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 confess our sins.

KYRIE

Minister O God,
you know our foolishness
and our sins are not hidden from you:

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Minister Let not the flood overwhelm us
nor the depths swallow us up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon us:

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Minister Hear me, O Lord,
as your loving kindness is good;
turn to us as your compassion is great:

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said:

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-4

Thus says the Lord God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM Luke 1.68-79 (Benedictus)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love

may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all ill 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 That, when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapp'd in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the coeternal Spirit
while unending ages run.

*Anonymous Latin, Edward Caswall (1814-1878), Murray's Hymnal (1852), HymnQuest ID: 53928
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GOSPEL READING Luke 3.1-6

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

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

**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.

Silence may be kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

Silence is kept.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people
who trust in your love.
By your coming,
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE – PROPHETS

Child Bishop Jesus said,
‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets:
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.’
Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The second candle is lit.

Child Bishop Jesus is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing together:

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken
hearts awoken: God is near!**

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PEACE

Child Bishop 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,
and also with you.

HYMN

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) HymnQuest ID: 45532

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory, come in glory.

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.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, wine of joy, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [x4].

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

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMN

- 1 The advent of our King
 Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing
 In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
 Incarnate deigns to be;
 Himself a servant's form puts on,
 To set his servants free.
- 3 Daughter of Sion, rise
 To meet thy lowly King;
 Nor let thy faithless heart despise
 The peace he comes to bring.

4 As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
And his true members all unite
With him in heaven to reign.

5 All glory to the Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

Instantis adventum Dei, Charles Coffin (1676–1749) tr. John Chandler (1806–1876) HymnQuest ID: 61610

1 Restore, O Lord,
The honour of Your name!
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again,
That all may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2 Restore, O Lord,
In all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive
The Church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3 Bend us, O Lord,
Where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold:
Though suffering comes,
And evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

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| 1 | Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. | 4 | I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2 | We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load. | 5 | When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3 | I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6 | Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. |

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BLESSING

Child Bishop Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.
Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Margaret C, Kath T.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Alison Clark, Frank Pierce, Alan Frank Knight, Dora Foskitt, Walter George Swain, Hilda Grace Marriot, Phyllis Ward, Derreck Pierce, James William Eades, Arthur Toyer, Bill Clayson, Anthony Hayers, Margaret Cooke, Jean Lofts, Frank Sadler, Jack Lawrence, Margaret Ellison, Peter Barrett, Jason Slate.

Those who died recently, among them Gurdeep Kasba. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

Christmas Market organised by the town council Sat 11 Dec 10:00-15:00. It will end with the Town Carol Service outside All Hallows Church with free refreshments. Please do come along and support this event.

Our Advent Course - The Art of Advent has started via Zoom (Thursdays 19:00), but newcomers are still welcome to join. Please let Agnes know if you would like the Zoom link which will be sent out on Wednesdays.

Our nativity play is being held online via Zoom on 24 Dec at 16:00. This is open to all, please do come along and support our children who will be taking part. Please contact Agnes and let her know you would like the link.

Please support All Saints' little shop in the library corner of the church each Sunday, with items for sale and a chance to win valuable prizes on our Lucky Numbers board.

The Children's Society boxholders please bring their boxes to All Saints for the annual opening, and leave them at the back of church or give them to the wardens. If you prefer, Lynne Burton can collect it from your home, please contact her on 01933 677093 to arrange a suitable time.

Magazine deadline: today. Please send your articles to Stephen (sfo@mypiano.com)

DIARY

Tues 7 Dec	Ambrose	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:30 - 11:30	All Hallows	Funeral
13:30 - 14:30	All Saints	School visit
Wed 8 Dec	Conception	
10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15 - 13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
17:30 - 18:00	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thurs 9 Dec		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
19:30 - 20:30	Zoom	Advent Course
Fri 10 Dec		
19:00 - 20:00	All Hallows	choir practice
19:30 - 20:00	All Saints	choir practice
Sat 11 Dec		
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
15:00 - 16:00	All Hallows	outside - Town Carol Service
Sun 12 Dec	Advent 3	
9:15 - 10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15 - 12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00 - 18:30	Zoom	Compline

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