



Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday of Advent
19 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**. You may remove your mask 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***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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 Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!
- 2 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;

most highly favoured lady.'

Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady.
Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'Most highly favoured lady.'
Gloria!

Birjina gaztetto bat zegoen (Basque Carol) paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you,

All 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.

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 confess our sins.

Minister O God,
you know our foolishness
and our sins are not hidden from you:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Let not the flood overwhelm us
nor the depths swallow us up;
let not the pit shut its mouth upon us:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

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 with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said:

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.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the

majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 80.1-7

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 With Mary let my soul rejoice,
and praise God's holy name —
his saving love from first to last,
from age to age, the same!
- 2 How strong his arm, how great his power!
The proud he will disown;
the meek and humble he exalts
to share his glorious throne.
- 3 The rich our God will send away
and feed the hungry poor;
the arms of love remain outstretched
at mercy's open door.
- 4 So shall God's promise be fulfilled,
to Israel firmly made:
a child is born, a Son is given
whose crown will never fade.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son
and Spirit now proclaim;
with Mary let the world rejoice
and praise God's holy name!

*David Mowbray (b. 1938) based on Luke 1.46-55 (Magnificat, The Song of Mary)
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GOSPEL READING Luke 1.39-45

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

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

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of

my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

CREED

Minister 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.

Silence may be kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister 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.

Minister 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.

All Amen.

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – MARY

C. Bishop Jesus said,
'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven wants
is my brother or sister or mother.'

**All I am the servant of the Lord.
Let it be to me according to his word.**

The fourth candle is lit.

C. Bishop Jesus is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can ever put out.

**All sing Mary's gift, beyond all telling,
was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling
in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final story?
cross and glory; empty tomb!**

PEACE

C.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,

All and also with you.

HYMN

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.
- 2 Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.
- 3 From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.
- 4 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.
- 5 O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Veni Redemptor gentium, St Ambrose (c.340-397) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Minister 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.

Minister Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All Glory to you, O God, for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister 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 saying:

**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.**

Minister 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:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Minister 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister 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.

Minister 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.

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister 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.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 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!

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (b. 1925)
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All 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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from Luke 1 vs46-55
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BLESSING

C.Bishop Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

All **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, Leslie.

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: Geoffrey Manning, James Reginald Boulden, Molly Celia Lovell, Mabel Howard Freeman, Margarete Ellen Mason, Sydney Frank Woodhams, Anne-Marie Charlton, Mary Morgan, Mavis Marion Charlton, Rex Line, Marjorie Steele, Shiela Kingston, Anthony Michael Buckmaster, Gustav Petrikat, Michael Alan Houghton, Betty Irene Oram, Alice Jane Waite, Lily Pike, Phyllis Russell, Gladys Walker, Edwin Steele, Horace Martin, Jonathan Harris, Lily Patrick, Winifred (Pat) Worley, Sheila Harrison, John Parkin.

NOTICES

Nine Lessons & Carols Sun 19 Dec 18:00, All Saints.

Christmas Eve Fri 24 Dec

16:00 Nativity play, Zoom – ask Agnes for the link;

20:00 Bethlehem Mass, All Hallows.

Christmas Day Sat 25 Dec

8:00 Eucharist, All Saints;

9:15 Eucharist, All Saints.

Boxing Day Sun 26 Dec

11:15 Eucharist, All Hallows.

No other services this day.

Benefice Magazine for January 2022 is available today at the back of church. Articles for the February edition are invited, and should be sent to Stephen Ostler (01933 226730, sfo@mypiano.com), or to Canon Margaret, by 16 January, please.

DIARY

Tues 21 Dec

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed 22 Dec

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 23 Dec

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion

19:00 - 20:00 Zoom Advent Course

Fri 24 Dec Christmas Eve

16:00 - 17:00 Zoom Nativity

20:00 - 21:00 All Hallows Bethlehem Mass

Sat 25 Dec Christmas Day

8:00 - 8:30 All Saints Eucharist

9:15 - 10:30 All Saints Eucharist

Sun 26 Dec Stephen

11:15 - 12:30 All Hallows Eucharist

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