



Holy Communion

First Sunday of Advent
27 November 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)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. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.

HYMN

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
- Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
- 2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
- 3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
- 4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
- 5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

John Mason Neale (1818–1866) translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

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.

Words of welcome may be said.

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – THE PATRIARCHS

Minister Jesus said,

'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit.

Minister God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All Amen.

**Choir/All 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.**

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CONFESSION

Deacon 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 Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins
through Jesus 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.

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the

word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING Romans 13.11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 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) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24.36-44

Choir/All Alleluia!

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

Choir/All Alleluia!

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 God, the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

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.

PEACE

Minister In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- 1 'The kingdom is upon you!'
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of faith for all to find.
- 2 'God's kingdom is upon you!'
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith's road before us,
and trod it to the end.
- 3 The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis (b. 1947) Words: © By kind permission of The Very Revd Robert Willis

TABLE PRAYER

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Minister In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Minister On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Minister At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Minister As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Minister With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Choir/All **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.

Choir/All Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
 Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord;
 Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

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.

MOTET People, look east (Basque carol)

HYMN

- 1 Earth was waiting, spent and restless,
 with a mingled hope and fear,
 faithful men and women praying,
 'Surely, Lord, the day is near:
 the Desire of all the nations —
 it is time he should appear!
- 2 Then the Spirit of the Highest
 to a virgin meek came down,
 and he burdened her with blessing,
 and he pained her with renown;
 for she bore the Lord's anointed
 for his cross and for his crown.
- 3 Earth has groaned and laboured for him
 since the ages first began,
 for in him was hid the secret
 which through all the ages ran —
 Son of Mary, Son of David,
 Son of God, and Son of Man.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister 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.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

The fifth line of each verse is sung three times.

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,

cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and John Cennick (1718–1755)

BLESSING

Minister Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

All Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Veni Emmanuel

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Ron W, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Sue M, Father Gregory, Hilly S.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C, Diana B.

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 Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Albert Edward Carnelly, Eric John Falkner, Thomas Sidney Povey, Winifred McMorrow Melville, Peter Gannon, Harold Sidney Stevens, Anne Nester Hughs, Caroline Elizabeth Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Margaret Adams, Mavis Marion Charlton, Joseph Charles Shatford, Elizabeth Frances Rowbery, Mavis Elizabeth West, Betty Hill, Susan Simson, Emily Palmer, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Henry Thorpe, Cliff 'Dick' Roberts, Patricia Bevis, Henry Orton, Sid Desborough, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, John William Wooding, Erika June Mathia, Bill Timpson, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Jeffery Odell.

NOTICES

Advent Carol service today 18:00, All Saints.

Our Advent Course begins on Thursday 1 December via Zoom. The sessions will be 19:00-20:30. There will be Bible study, discussion, and prayer as we journey through this season of expectation. Please let the Church Office know if you would like the link, or find it on our Facebook pages nearer the time.

Children's Society box holders please bring your boxes to church for the annual opening. Alternatively Lynne Burton (phone: 01933 677093) could come and collect your box. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

All Hallows' Christmas Quiz is now available. Cost £1. Please contact either Bob or Margaret at All Hallows.

All Saints' Christmas Quiz is now available. Price £1. All funds go towards the upkeep of our church.

Rev Paula's new address is 56 Hatton Park Road, Wellingborough, NN8 5AQ. Her telephone number remains the same. The move means a saving of over £200 per month on her family bills, this is the only reason for moving. The move did not incur costs to the parishes or the Diocese. The Vicarage on Midland Road will be rented out by the Diocese in due course.

Would you like to help with our Christingle and Nativity services? We are looking for a working group to help with publicity, stewarding, helping with the service, making Christingles, etc. etc. Please contact Pat Thomas or Angie if you can contribute in any way to spreading the Good News to the young families in our community.

Do you enjoy singing? If so would you like to join the church choirs for the Carol Service on 18 December and be part of the music making? If so, just have a word with Tony on 07867 554476 or email TonyE1960@aol.com or have a chat after church.

DIARY

Mon 28 Nov

Tues 29 Nov

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop

Wed 30 Nov **Andrew the Apostle**

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
19:00-20:00	All Saints	AS choir practice

Thurs 1 Dec

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
13:20-15:00	All Hallows	school rehearsal
19:00-20:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice

Fri 2 Dec

9:00-10:00	All Hallows	school Christingle
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice

Sat 3 Dec

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	All Hallows	MU Corporate Communion
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 4 Dec **Advent 2**

8:00-8:30	All Saints	Eucharist
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
10:00-11:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-19:00	Zoom	Compline

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