



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ALL AGE MASS 27th November 2022

President: Fr David Fisher

Preacher: Fr Daniel Burton

A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good to have you with us!

THE GATHERING

Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:

Hills of the North, rejoice,
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above

Isles of the Southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
Songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.

✠ We gather for worship 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.

The President offers some words of welcome and the deacon then says:

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.

Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:



Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:



Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:



The President pronounces God's Absolution:

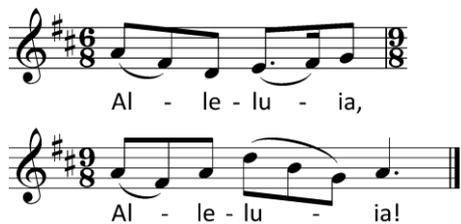
May almighty God have mercy on you,
✠ forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Collect of the day is prayed:

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.
Amen.

**Remain STANDING to sing the Gospel Acclamation,
repeating each line after the cantor:**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew.
✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘But 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.

Matthew 24:36-44

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

The address follows. Then stand for:

My brothers and sisters, do you believe and trust in
God the Father who made all things, the one for
whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took
our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God, and makes
Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The prayers follow; please SIT or KNEEL. Between each
bidding:**

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers end:

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

Please STAND

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

**Please do give to the retiring collection at the end of
Mass, as you leave church, using one of the
Contactless machines.**

As the Altar is prepared, we sing:

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine
through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has power to save us.
 Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.
 Make us your building, sheltering others,
 walls made of living stone

Many the gifts, many the people,
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.
 Let us be servants to one another,
 making your kingdom come.

The President takes the bread and wine:

As this bread was scattered
 and then gathered and made one,
 so may your Church be gathered into your
 kingdom. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.
 And now we give you thanks because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets, announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin, and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.

Repeat each line after the Cantor:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and might,
 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo- ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles-sed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's \times body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

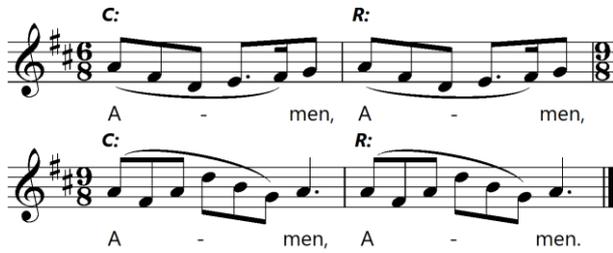
Repeat each line after the Cantor:



Christ has died,
 Christ is ris'n,
 Christ will come a - gain.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.



Silent prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and love we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,.....

The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:

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.

We say Agnus Dei:

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.

The President invites all to receive Holy 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 my soul shall be healed.

Baptised persons who are communicant members of Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own church, may receive Holy Communion at this service. If you prefer to receive a blessing, keep your hands at your side and your head bowed...

When all have received Holy Communion:

God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SIT for the notices, then STAND for

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We sing the final hymn:

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!’

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

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;

So when next he comes in glory,
And earth’s final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run.

The Deacon dismisses the people:

The Mass is ended; go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: Proclamation: Wachet Auf (A.D. Millar)

Do sign the book if you need to register your attendance to support a school application!

Please do stay for refreshments at the back of church after mass.

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