

**Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist
27th November 2022
The First Sunday of Advent**

**The Jesse Tree Part 1
Beginnings: David and Ruth**

5pm Service today is the Advent Carol Service

VOLUNTARY

Prayer on screen during Voluntary

*God of mystery,
we have stepped into Advent and await your revelations.
We have stepped into Advent, hoping that we and others
will see and feel and know your message.
You are a patient, persevering God, who offers your all for us;
you offer to us the depth of your being, the essence of life,
the gift of love beyond compare.
And we wait to celebrate again the gift of Jesus born for us, given for us.
We look to you, for you will show us true life bursting forth.*

Amen.

THE GATHERING

Informal Welcome

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Veni Emmanuel

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, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way. (Refrain)

3 O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From neither hell, thy people save. (Refrain)

4 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. (Refrain)

5 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. (Refrain)

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

All From the one who is, who was, and who is to come,
 grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

All Now is the time to wake out of sleep
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

The President gives an informal introduction.

President Today we remember all the people of God who have watched and waited for God's promises to be kept. Now it is our turn to watch and wait.

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit.

Let us pray:

O God of David and Ruth,
we thank you for your faithfulness throughout all time.
As today we begin our Advent journey,
may the light of your love surround us
and all for whom we pray,
as we watch and wait for your kingdom

Amen.

All

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

A period of silent reflection now follows

President Lord Jesus, you came into the world
to reveal your Father's love:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Christ Jesus, by your dying and rising
you have given us the promise of eternal life:

All **Christ, have mercy,**

President Lord Jesus, you ask us to be ready,
watching and waiting for your coming:

All **Lord, have mercy,**

President May God who loved the world so much
 that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
 forgive you your sins †
 and make you holy to serve him in the world,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

President Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and to put on the armour of light,
 now in the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge
 the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

President In this holy season we prepare ourselves for the Lord's
 coming. Let us now be open in heart and mind as the Lord
 comes to us through his holy Word.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BIBLE Isaiah 2.1-5 (*Christine Ross*)

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Cross Of Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

GOSPEL READING.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 24.36-44

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

SERMON Phil Harper

THE CREED

President Let us affirm our faith in the all holy God, who is Father,
Son and Holy Spirit:

- President*
All We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.
- President*
All We believe in God the Son, who was slain:
for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.
- President*
All We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

- All* Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

- All* Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

- President* May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- President* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
- Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord Of The Years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Blessed be God,
 who feeds the hungry,
 who raises the poor,
 who fills our praise.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

President

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

President

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All

It is right to give thanks and praise.

President

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,
forever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass of St Thomas

**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.

*President
All*

Praise to you Lord Jesus, for dying you destroyed our death:
Come, Lord Jesus come!

*President
All*

Rising you restored our life:
Come, Lord Jesus come!

*President
All*

Lord Jesus, come in glory:
Come, Lord Jesus come!

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

All **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words
 our Saviour taught us:

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

President Every time we eat this bread
 and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
 until he comes.**

THE INVITATION

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

President

He who was with God in the beginning,
is with us in this bread.
He of whom the prophets spoke,
now gives himself to us in this cup.
Jesus offers a share in his divine life
for those who love him
and who want to love him more.

So, come,
you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for some time.
Come, not because it is I who invite you:
it is our Lord.
It is his will that those who want him
should meet him here.

All

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

Mass of St Thomas

**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.**

ANTHEM

Rorate coeli

Josef Rheinberger

Rorate coeli desuper; et nubes pluant justum; aperiatur terra et germet salvatorem.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let
the earth be opened and send forth a Saviour.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Refiner's Fire

1 Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refrain:
Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for you, my master,
Ready to do your will.

2 Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. (Refrain)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Notices

THE BLESSING

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

President May God the Father,
 who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
 give you grace to prepare for life eternal.
All **Amen.**

President May God the Son,
 who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
 reveal to you the path from darkness to light.
All **Amen.**

President May God the Holy Spirit,
 by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
 help you bear the fruits of holiness.
All **Amen.**

President And the blessing of God Almighty, †
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

HYMN

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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, deeply wailing, 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, with what rapture, 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:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

*Deacon
All*

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

*Deacon
All*

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

*Deacon
All*

In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.

Deacon
All

In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

Deacon
All

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

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