

**Holy Trinity 10am Parish Eucharist
1st December 2024
The First Sunday of Advent**

Worship in the Waiting: Holy Suspense

5pm Service today is the Advent Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

VOLUNTARY

Poem on screen during Voluntary:

This long, dark, restless night is nearly done.
The morning star shows: it is nearly day.

The morning lark and owl now sing as one,
the owl is flying home, the lark will stay.
This long, dark, restless night is nearly done:

As from my darker dreams I turn away
and cling to dawn's faint hope, rise with the sun,
the morning star shows it is nearly day.

This long, dark, restless night is nearly done.
The morning star shows. It is nearly day.

Amy Scott Robinson

THE GATHERING

*Informal Welcome,
after which a short video of the poem above is shown*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 5

1. 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!’
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth 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. 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.
5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

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

All 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 The first candle on our Advent stand traditionally represents those in the Old Testament who looked for the coming of God. Today it is lit as we recall the first time Jesus came to earth. A shining example of how we should live, Light of the World from his humble birth.

*The first candle of the Advent stand is lit.
We are invited to hold out our open hands.*

Let us pray:

All Jesus, help us live more like you,
O come, O come Emmanuel.
All Spirit-filled and shining bright,
O come, O come Emmanuel.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon In Psalm 25 we read:
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

As we wait for the Lord, we think of those things for which we seek God's healing and forgiveness.

A period of silent reflection follows

President We join with the psalmist, their spirit in anguish:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with the broken, the beaten, the famished:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with those suffering discrimination:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with the woman whose voice has been silenced:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with the girl who is subject to violence:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with those waiting and longing for justice to come:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with our Lord, as he hangs on the cross:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President Bearing our pain as he suffers with us:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We join with the earth as it groans for release:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

President We long for your Kingdom of rightness and peace:
All **How long, Lord, how long?**

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 Romans 13.11-14 (*Leanne Atkinson*)

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Rosalind Brown

Tune: King's Lynn

1 Wake up! the night is ending
the day is near at hand,
the light of God is breaking
on this and every land.
We know that Christ is coming,
God's word rings in our ears,
"look up, for your redemption
at last is drawing near."

2 The shepherds on the hillside
will hear the angels sing,
a star will lead the wise men
to find the new-born king.

For Simeon, so faithful,
the watching-time will cease,
his eyes will see the Saviour,
he can depart in peace.

3 But this is not the ending
since Christ will come again,
the baby in the stable
will soon return to reign.
Christ bids us all be ready,
to stay awake and pray,
watch with anticipation
the dawning of that day.

GOSPEL READING.

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

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

Luke 21.25–36

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

SERMON Emma Harrington

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.
All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Be Our Light A&M 42

1 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.

Refrain:

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

2 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. (*Refrain*)

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

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

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Prayers are offered for the sick and departed

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

St Anne's Mass

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, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna in the highest.**

We kneel or sit

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 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

St Anne's Mass

All 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

Lift up your heads

William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
And the king of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this king of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Wait for the Lord HON 949

Refrain:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

A cantor sings the verses, while the refrain is repeated continuously.

1. Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.
Prepare the way for the Lord.
2. Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.
3. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
All the earth will see the Lord.
4. I waited for the Lord. God heard my cry.
5. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God.
6. Seek first the kingdom of God. Seek and you shall find.
7. O Lord, show us your way. Guide us in your truth.

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

NEH 11

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 nether 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)

Deacon The hour has come to wake from your slumber!
All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.
All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon It is time to put aside the deeds of darkness
and put on the armour of light.
All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon Go out clothed in Christ, to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ.**
Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Overture (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel