



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 19th December 2021
Advent 4

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

As we gather together:

Ave Maria, Arcadelt,

arranged Franz Liszt 1811-1886

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Improvisation on 'In the Bleak Midwinter (Holst)'

Stephen C Horsman b. 1961

Opening Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou rod of Jesse

Free thine own from Satan's tyranny,

From depths of hell thy people save,

And give them victory over the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

From the 'Great O Antiphons' 12th-13th Century

tr John Mason Neale 1818-1866

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CROWN

The Advent Crown is a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the world and into the darkness of our lives. As the Advent Crown is lit, we sing

Christ - mas is com - ing the Church is glad to sing, and
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let the Ad - vent can - dles bright - ly burn in a ring. 4. The
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fourth is for the Vir - gin, who mo - thered God's own Son and
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sang how God's just - ice was meant for ev' - ry one.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the World; blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary your mother. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas, and bless your children who long for your coming. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant 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.

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE KYRIE

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste
e - le - i - son Kyr - i - e e - le - i - son.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray. God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-45

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Celebrant 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 always with you

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table:

**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!**

**'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!**

**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!**

**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!**

Sabina Baring-Gould 1843-1924

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

All Amen.

Celebrant Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

We sit or stand for:

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all

the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and
join in their unending hymn of praise:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

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Hea - ven and earth are full of your

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glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might.

Celebrant We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All



Dy - ing you des - troyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord
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Je - sus come in glo - ry, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.



A - - - men. A - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

 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.**

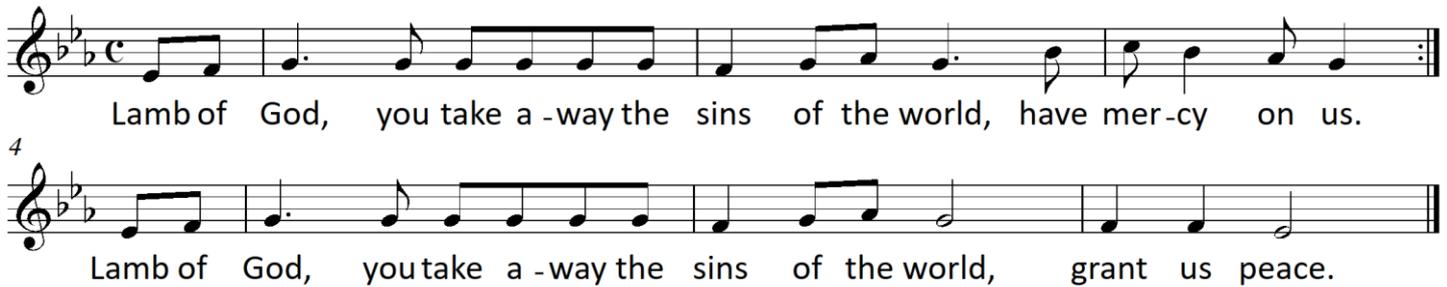
The Giving of Communion

Celebrant Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his Blood
which he shed for you. Eat and drink in
remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him
in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

All



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words **'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ'** please respond: **Amen.***

During the distribution of Communion

'La Vierge et L'Enfant' from 'La Nativité du Seigneur',

Olivier Messiaen 1908-1992

Reflection

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

Final Hymn

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 b. 1926, based on Lk 1:46-55

THE DISMISSAL

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

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

All Amen.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Pastorale BWV 591 First Movement

Johann Sebastian Bach 1675-1750

The Pastorale was composed around 1720 in four movements. The third (Aria) and first (Pastorale) are being played as part of our liturgy this morning as each reflect the idea of the Good Shepherd. The Aria recalls the angels visiting the shepherds whilst the Pastorale uses a pipe motif over a drone base as if a shepherd's pipe being played in the fields, calling his sheep, as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls each one of us into his fold.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

A collection plate has been placed by the west door where you can leave your offering to support the work of St. Margaret's Church. You can also make a donation:

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Service next Sunday:
Stephen

Said Eucharist Service (10.00 am)
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