



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



Sunday 3rd December 2023
Advent Sunday

Everyone is welcome to St Margaret's. In this service of the Eucharist we remember with thanksgiving the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and his self-giving for the sins of the whole world. As the bread and wine are offered, symbols of that self-giving, so we offer ourselves to God and receive at communion the life of Christ. So nourished, we are enabled to go out into the world to live in the service of God.

As we gather before the service, we speak to God. During the service, we let God speak to us. After the service, we speak to each other.

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Prelude in C Minor BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Processional Hymn

**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.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.**

**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.**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and the glory, claim the kingdom for thine own:
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
Everlasting God, come down!**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Music: Thomas Olivers 1725-1799 in Select Hymns with Tunes Annex 1765

THE GREETING

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

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE BLESSING AND 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. After the Advent Crown is blessed*

Celebrant Jesus said, 'Keep awake,
 for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'
Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit, and this response is used

Celebrant Jesus is the light of the world.
A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing

**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.**

Words: Mark Earey b. 1965 Music: Edwin George Monk 1819-1900

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

The prayer is introduced ending with,

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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.

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.

Amen.

THE KYRIE

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

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THE COLLECT

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words, 'Let us pray.'
The Collect is said, and all respond, Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Chorale: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine on us, that we may be saved.'.' Ps80

Stephen C Horsman b.1961

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13.24-37

Alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon

THE SERMON

We stand

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

During the Preparation of the Table

**Almighty Father, Lord most high,
Who madest all, who fillest all,
Thy name we praise and magnify,
For all our needs on thee we call.**

**We offer to thee of thine own,
Ourselves and all that we can bring,
In bread and cup before thee shown,
Our universal offering.**

**All that we have we bring to thee,
Yet all is naught when all is done,
Save that in it thy love can see
The sacrifice of thy dear Son.**

**By this command in bread and cup,
His Body and his Blood we plead,
What on the cross he offered up
Is here our sacrifice indeed.**

**For all the gifts of life and grace,
Here we thy servants humbly pray
That thou would'st look upon the face
Of thine anointed Son today.**

Words: Vincent S S Coles 1845-1929 Music: Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

At the end of the Blessing of the Gifts we respond

Blessed be God forever

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and at the end we sing

All



5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God_ of pow-er and might.

Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. *R*

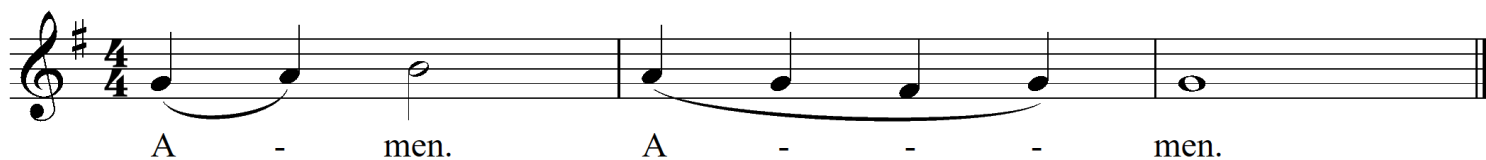
Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *R*

The priest continues with the prayer which recalls the Last Supper, after the elevation the priest says, 'Great is the mystery of Faith'



6 When we eat_____ this bread and___ drink_____ this cup, we pro - claim your death, Lord Je_____ sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

The prayer continues and concludes with the doxology where we respond,



A - men. A - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one
bread.**

Musical notation for the Kyrie eleison chant, consisting of three staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

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The Giving of 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 I shall be healed.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Please sit and wait to be directed for Communion.

During the distribution of Communion

Prelude in E Minor BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Reflection

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Words: Taizé Community based on Scripture, Music: Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Priest prays the post-communion prayer followed by

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

The priest gives the blessing

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

**Hark! A Herald Voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, waken 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 meet him with repentance, pray that we may be forgiven.**

**So when next he comes in glory, wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our Defender on the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, praise and blessing, to the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: 'Vox Clara Ecce Intonat' 6th Century tr. Edward Caswall 1814-1878

Music: William Henry Monk 1823-1889

Postlude

Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel

Stephen C Horsman b.1961

The Latin: Veni, Emmanuel" means, 'O come, Emmanuel' and is sung during Advent. It is a metrical paraphrase of the 'O Antiphons', a series of plainchant antiphons attached to the Magnificat at Vespers over the final days before Christmas. Its origins lie in monastic life of the 8th or 9th century. Seven days before Christmas Eve monks would sing the "O antiphons" in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, "O Virgo virginum" ("O Virgin of virgins") would be sung before and after Mary's canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55). This organ piece is an improvisation marking the beginning of the Advent season - a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

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Service next Sunday:
Advent 2

Parish Communion (9.30 am)
FIISH Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org
