



## THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

*Sunday 15 November 2020*

**WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST**  
*the central Christian act of  
worship*

*in a time of national and global  
emergency precautions  
to resist the spread of the  
coronavirus pandemic*

*A warm welcome to you all joining us  
from home on Facebook.*

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

*All our hymns have been recorded  
remotely by the Choral Scholars of  
St Martin-in-the-Fields, with thanks to  
the Church of England for providing  
them for our streamed services.*

*Our Anthem is performed by our own  
musical ensemble the Contracovids.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (NEH 339)

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me,  
save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day  
and the night,  
both waking and sleeping,  
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me,  
and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I  
thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate,  
my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour,  
be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter,  
be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward,  
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance  
now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in  
my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

**High King of heaven,  
 thou heaven's bright sun,  
 O grant me its joys after victory  
 is won;  
 great Heart of my own heart,  
 whatever befall,  
 still be thou my vision,  
 O Ruler of all.**

#### THE GATHERING

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

#### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

Christ the light of the world has come  
 to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In  
 his light let us examine ourselves and  
 confess our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and  
 grace,  
 we have sinned against you and  
 against our neighbour,  
 in what we have thought,  
 in what we have said and done,  
 through ignorance,  
 through weakness,  
 through our own deliberate fault.  
 We have wounded your love,  
 and marred your image in us.  
 We are sorry and ashamed,  
 and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus  
 Christ, who died for us,  
 forgive us all that is past;  
 and lead us out from darkness  
 to walk as children of light.  
 Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
 cleanse us from our sins,  
 and restore us in his image  
 to the praise and glory of his name,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA (Said)  
**Glory to God in the highest  
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
 Almighty God and Father.  
 We worship you, we give you  
 thanks,  
 We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
 only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God. Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
 have mercy on us;  
 you are seated at the right hand of  
 the Father:  
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

### THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is  
pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and  
great glory we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever  
**Amen.**

### GRADUAL HYMN

(NEH 362)

**Glorious things of Thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worlding's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.**

### THE GOSPEL

*Reader: Caroline Campbell*

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Matthew

St Matthew 25: 14-30

*When it is announced:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*At the end:*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

### THE SERMON

### THE CREED

**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

*Leader: Arthur Darby*

*After:* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*At the end of the prayers*

*Leader:* God of mercy,  
**you know us and love us  
and hear our prayer:  
keep us in the eternal  
fellowship of Jesus Christ  
our Saviour. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*(SP 316)*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's  
sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's  
failings  
have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for  
thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all  
gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost,  
restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.  
In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.  
Therefore with all who can give voice in  
your creation  
we glorify your name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he, who comes in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and  
obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy  
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your  
kingdom, and with this bread and this  
cup we make the memorial of Christ  
your Son our Lord.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty,  
 renew us by your Spirit,  
 inspire us with your love  
 and unite us in the body of your Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 with all who stand before you in earth  
 and heaven, we worship you, Father  
 almighty, in songs of everlasting  
 praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and  
 power be yours for ever and ever.  
 Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our  
 Saviour has taught us:

**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

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.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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.**

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM:

'In the Lord I'll be every thankful'  
 sung by the Contracovids

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,  
 In this holy sacrament  
 you give substance to our hope:  
 bring us at the last to that fullness of  
 life for which we long;  
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour  
**Amen**

**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 gates 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

### POST COMMUNION HYMN (NHWS 73)

**Fill your hearts with joy and  
 gladness,  
 sing and praise your God and  
 mine!  
 Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
 might and majesty divine!  
 He who framed the starry heavens  
 knows and names them as they  
 shine!**

**Praise the Lord, his people,  
 praise him!  
 Wounded souls his comfort know;  
 those who fear him find his mer-  
 cies,  
 peace for pain and joy for woe;  
 humble hearts are high exalted,  
 human pride and power laid low.**

**Praise the Lord for times and  
 seasons,  
 cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
 spring to melt the snows of winter  
 till the waters flow again;  
 grass upon the mountain pastures,  
 golden valleys thick with grain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
 peace and plenty crown your days;  
 love his laws, declare his judgments,  
 walk in all his words and ways;  
 he the Lord and we his children:  
 praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

## THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face to shine  
 upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon  
 you , and give you peace;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father †, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
 come upon you and remain with  
 you always.

**Amen.**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
 In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Organ Voluntary

Graham Powell: Francois Couperin –  
 Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux on the organ  
 of St Peter's Limpsfield

## TODAY

Midday Zoom coffee. Please refer to the  
 weekly notices for the invite link.  
 All welcome.

*Please consider helping to support the life and work of our church if you can in any of the following ways:*

### **Standing Order**

Regular Giving is our preferred method. To set up a Standing Order please visit our website <https://www.stpeterslimpsfield.org/giving.html> To download a form and Gift Aid declaration (if applicable), or contact the Parish Office to be sent one.

### **Online giving**

You can give a one-off amount via our Give.net page: <https://www.give.net/20291285> or by scanning the QR code below.



### **Text giving**

You can donate any whole value up to £20 by texting STPETER (amount) to 70085. For example texting STPETER 10 will donate £10.

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Thank you.