



## ADVENT SUNDAY

Sunday 29 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.***

*Some of our hymns have been  
recorded remotely by the Choral  
Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields,  
with thanks to the Church of  
England, the Contracovids, Ann and  
other choir members for providing  
the music today.*

### ADVENT

*Advent is the beginning of the new  
year for the church, a season of  
expectation and preparation, as the  
Church prepares to celebrate the  
coming of Christ, and also looks  
ahead to his final advent as judge at  
the end of time. For us this year, it is  
an invitation into a closer walk with  
God, others and ourselves.*



### ENTRANCE HYMN

*... sung by the Choral Scholars of St  
Martin-in-the-Fields*

*(NEH 11)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!**  
**Redeem thy captive Israel,**  
**That into exile drear is gone**  
**Far from the face of God's dear Son.**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**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:**

**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:**

**O come, Desire of nations! show**  
**Thy kingly reign on earth below;**  
**Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,**  
**Restore the ruin of our fall.**  
**Refrain:**

## THE GATHERING

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

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

PRAYERS AT THE LIGHTING OF  
THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE,  
*reminding us of those who  
prepared for the coming of Christ*

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in  
Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his  
birth to make our hearts ready for  
your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

The first candle, representing  
the patriarchs, is lit by Eleanor.



*We pray together:*

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at  
Christmas, be King of our lives to-  
day. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*We are invited to confess our sins:*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to  
light things now hidden in  
darkness, and will disclose the  
purposes of the heart. Therefore in  
the light of Christ let us confess our  
sins. *1 Corinthians 4: 5*

**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided  
your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning  
cloud, like the dew that goes  
away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

KYRIE (Swedish)

*...sung by the Contracovids*  
**Lord have mercy on us all  
Lord have mercy on us**

**Christ have mercy on us all  
Christ have mercy on us**

**Lord have mercy on us all  
Lord have mercy on us**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
 who forgives all who truly repent,  
 have mercy upon you,  
 † pardon and deliver you from  
 all your sins,  
 confirm and strengthen you in  
 all goodness,  
 and keep you in life eternal;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
 give us grace to cast away the works  
 of darkness and 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

**Amen.**

## GRADUAL HYMN (SP 13)

*...sung by the Contracovids*

**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.**

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

**Longing for peace,  
 our world is troubled.  
 Longing for hope, many despair.  
 Your world alone has power to  
 save us.  
 Make us your living voice.  
 Refrain:**

**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:**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Reader: Geoff Martin*

Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 Make straight the paths and  
 the highways  
 And all flesh shall see  
 the salvation of the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL

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

St Mark 13: 24-end

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

## SERMON

### THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through  
faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power  
from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Leader: Jane Tozer*

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with  
confidence before our Maker and  
Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom  
with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among  
the nations his sceptre of  
righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the  
Scriptures and recognize him in the  
breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the  
broken-hearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming  
may dawn on all who live in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the  
world,  
let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for  
whom we pray to the mercy and  
protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*  
Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever  
and ever.  
**Amen.**

### THE PEACE

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.  
**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

HYMN (NEH 7)  
*...sung by the Choral Scholars of  
St Martin in-the-Fields*

**Hills of the North, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness  
and love,  
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed  
to know  
In Christ draws near and calls you  
now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest  
night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the North they come,  
From East and West and South:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the sons of earth be blest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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 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, 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.**

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.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his  
death on the cross, his perfect sacri-  
fice 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  
St Peter and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in  
whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we look for the coming of the  
Kingdom, Lord, teach us to pray:

**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.**

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:

'Wait for the Lord' *sung by the  
Contracovids*

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL  
COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**

**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

HYMN (NEH 3)  
*...sung by the Choral Scholars of  
St Martin in-the-Fields*

**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.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

#### THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ the Sun of Righteousness  
shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your  
path, and make you ready to meet him  
when he comes in glory;  
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**

Voluntary:

Michael Barlow Advent Carol:

'Mary walked through a wood of thorn'

After the service

Midday Zoom Coffee. Please refer to  
weekly notices for invite link.

All welcome.

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

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method. To set up a Standing  
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Thank you

