

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CW Eucharist and Spiritual Communion
10h30 – 1st December 2024



The Mass setting for this service is MacMillan's St Anne's Mass.

THE GATHERING

We stand

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.

Merton
WH Monk (1823-1889)
From the Latin
Tr E Caswall (1814-1878)

Greeting and Welcome

'Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.' (Romans 13.11)

Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you

This is the day the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

Be with us, Spirit of God;
Nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God;
Fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;
Bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: for the Patriarchs

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.**

Collect for Purity

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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

We sit or kneel

Invitation

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.

Confessional Kyries

Andante ♩ = 80

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats. The dynamics are marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning and *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 6. The lyrics are: 'Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.' The score consists of four lines of music, with measure numbers 6, 11, and 15 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The first line contains measures 1-5, the second line measures 6-10, the third line measures 11-14, and the fourth line measures 15-18, ending with a double bar line.

Lord have

mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy,

Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,

Lord have mer - cy.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever. **Amen** .

The Collect

Let us pray

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. **Amen**.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33.14-16

We sit

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25.1-9

We stand

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 O my God, in ' you I ' trust;
 let me not be put to shame;
 let not my ' enemies ' triumph ' over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be ' put to ' shame,
 but let the treacherous be ' shamed ' and frus'trated.
- 3 Make me to know your ' ways, O ' Lord,
 and ' teach me ' your ' paths.
- 4 Lead me in your ' truth and ' teach me;
 for you are the God of my salvation:
 for you have I ' hoped ' all the day ' long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your com'passion and ' love,
 For they ' are from ' ever'lasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or ' my trans'gressions ,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
ac'cording to your ' steadfast ' love.
7 Gracious and upright ' is the ' Lord;
therefore shall he teach ' sinners ' in the ' way.
8 He will guide the humble in ' doing ' right
and ' teach his ' way to the ' lowly.
9 All the paths of the Lord are ' mercy and ' truth
to those who keep his ' covenant ' and his ' testimonies.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

We sit

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

We stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 21.25-36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud"

with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

SERMON: Canon Daphne Green

We sit

Affirmation of Faith

We stand

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

We sit

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Conclusion

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace and the Offertory

We stand

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory
in the highest!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERTORY HYMN

NEH 15

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NEH 15

1 The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

4 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

5 For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

*St Stephen
W Jones (1726-1800)
J Milton (1608-1674)
Cento Psalms 85, 82, 86*

The table is prepared.

Blessed be God,
Who feeds the hungry,
Who raises the poor,
Who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We remain standing

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life: that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Moderato ♩ = 92 - 96

CONGREGATION

mp Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

7 Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

12 *mf* Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na

18 *mf* in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is

24 *ff* he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

30 in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of the 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 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 and with 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

We sit or kneel

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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.

Agnus Dei

Slowly **ALL VOICES mp**

Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. **mf** Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the
mp world, grant us peace.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

We invite you to come and to receive Communion at the transept, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.

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. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ...[short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM - Handel - And the glory of the Lord (Messiah)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

THE CONCLUSION

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Notices

HYMN

NEH 6

1 HARK the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.

2 He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

Bristol

From T Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621

P Doddridge (1702-1751)

Blessing

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,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Music after the service

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Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Bryan Pattison, Janet Coleman, Munir Sharaiha and Anthony Cave. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Give thanks and pray for our fellowship with the German Protestant Churches (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) (Meissen Declaration).

Diocesan Office in London: Locum Ministry Administrator: Emma Biaggi and for the Communications Team: Ruth Blanco and Susi Doherty.

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only
what comes from your hand.*

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

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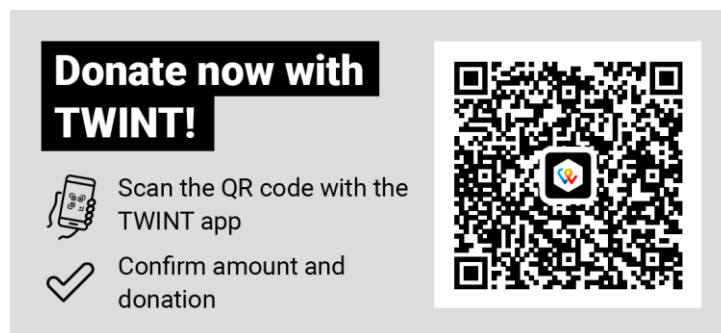
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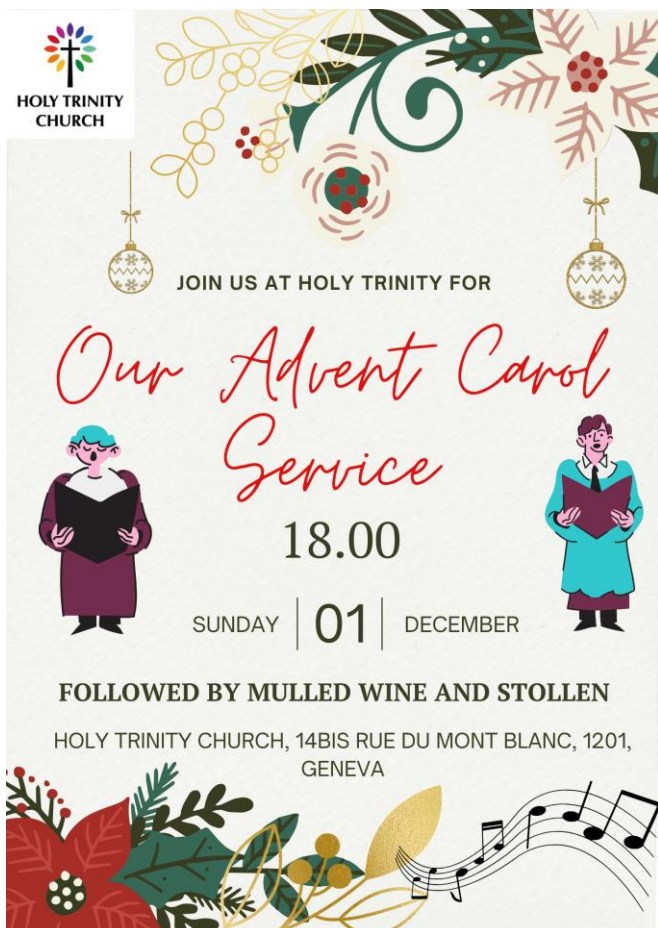
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SERVICES in DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	1 Dec	9h BCP Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online 18h00 Advent Carol Service in Church
Wednesday	4 Dec	10h CW Eucharist Online
Thursday	5 Dec	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	8 Dec	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online No evening service
Wednesday	11 Dec	10h BCP Eucharist Online
Thursday	12 Dec	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	15 Dec	9h Choral Matins in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist and Nativity Play in Church & Online No evening service
Wednesday	18 Dec	10h CW Eucharist Online
Thursday	19 Dec	10h BCP Eucharist in Church
Sunday	22 Dec	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 All Age Eucharist in Church & Online 18h00 Christmas Songs of Praise
Tuesday	24 Dec	17h Nine Lessons & Carols at the Cathedral 23h Midnight Mass in Church
Wednesday	25 Dec	9h Christmas Day Eucharist in Church 10h30 Christmas Day Eucharist in Church & Online
Sunday	29 Dec	9h CW Eucharist in Church 10h30 CW Eucharist in Church & Online No evening service