

Sanderstead Parish, All Saints' Church

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Sunday 6th December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent



Theme: The beginning...of Good News

*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

*Welcome to you all. A warm welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ!
Today is the Second Sunday in Advent, when we recall the
preaching of John The Baptist who came to "prepare the way of the
Lord".*

*You may wish to light a candle and prepare some bread and wine in
readiness for Holy Communion later in this service.*

*If you would like to know more about the Christian Faith, do make
contact with either Revd Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy
Groombridge. You can find our contact details via our website,
www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk.*

The Lighting of the Advent Candles:

The second advent candle is lit.

People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and works of God.
God calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever,
Amen.**

Hymn

O Come, O come Immanuel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKu0or0t8Uw>

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 vict'ry o'er the grave.

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.

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 of misery.

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.

from the 'Great O Antiphons' (12th-13th century) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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

And also with you.

We worship with Christians near and far, Living and departed, Old and young, to celebrate the guiding light of Christ, the warmth of God's love, and our unity in the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for all those watching and listening to this service today, whether locally in their homes, or further afield, in hospital, in bed, or in other countries: Heavenly Father, we commend to you all who hear and participate in this service, and ask that you will bless them wherever they are, in whatever circumstances they find themselves.

Preparation. This prayer is said

**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

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.

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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 minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God,
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord –

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;

with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash round his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A Minister announces the Hymn

The advent of our King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFvJNjVZLNM>

THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

Our thoughts must now employ;
Then let us meet him on the road
With songs of holy joy.

The co-eternal Son,
A maiden's off-spring see;
A servant's form Christ putteth on,
To set his people free.

Our joyful praises sing

To Christ, who set us free;
Like tribute to the Father bring,
And Holy Ghost, to thee.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) trans. John Chandler (1806-1876) alt.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

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

Glory, to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way' – ³ 'a voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

These prayers end with:

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ.**

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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.

The table is prepared. The bread and wine are brought forward.

Hymn: **Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04uIOM>

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 word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

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

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

The table is prepared

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one; so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

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.

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 saying:

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

Let us pray

You are invited to sit or kneel

Looking for the coming of the Kingdom, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray,

**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 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.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

The Holy Communion.

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the
humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen**

Prayer of God's 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.

Hymn

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEEed0uWnDGs>

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.

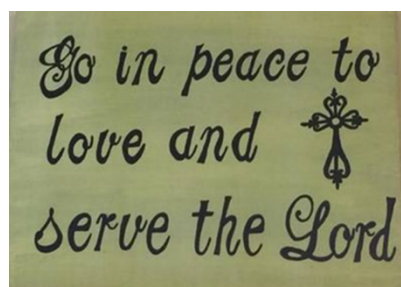
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

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.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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



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