

May you be able to discern
what is best and may you be
pure and blameless for the
day of Christ, filled with
the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ ...

Philippians 1:10-11

*...to the glory and
praise of God!*

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SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

2 Advent — 8th December, 2024

HYMNS: 739, 1, 732, 16

"Be Alive in Christ and make Him known"

We do this by

*Growing spiritually in God's Word, allowing God to use us to grow His Church by
being Christ focused, being community focused and being inclusive.*

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Welcome to all newcomers!

Please join us in the hall for a cuppa and fellowship after service.



Welcome

P: I will send my messenger to prepare the way for me.

C: Then the Lord you are looking for will suddenly come to his temple.
(Mal 3:1 TEV)

Invocation

♪P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪C: Amen.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath (2nd Candle)

♪Hymn No: 739 When the King shall come again, Verse 2

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Dear friends in Christ: let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

♪P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪C: He made heaven and earth.

♪P: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

♪C: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

P: I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:
Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?
I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins,
and do you desire forgiveness in his name? I do.

P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

P: Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Amen.



Kyrie

♫**ALL:** Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Doxology

♫P: Glory to God in the highest

♫**C:** and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.


♫P: The Lord be with you.

♫**C:** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

P: Let us pray that we are ready for Christ's coming.

C: Merciful God, you sent your messengers to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Turn us away from our sins, so that we greet our coming redeemer, Jesus Christ, with joy. For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 The day of judgement is near

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.


Psalm: The Song of Zechariah (*W Crotch 1775-1847*)

*Cantor: Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel;
For he has come and redeemed his people.
He has raised up a mighty Saviour for us;
From the house of his servant David,
As he promised long ago;
Through his holy prophets,
That he would save us from our enemies;
From the power of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers;
And to remember his holy covenant,
The oath which he swore;
To our father Abraham,
To rescue us from the power of our enemies
So that we might worship the Lord without fear,
Holy and righteous in his sight;
All the days of our life.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give the knowledge of salvation to his people'
By the forgiveness of their sins.
Through the tender mercy of our God;
The day of salvation will dawn on us from heaven,
To shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.*

♫C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 Be ready for the day of Christ

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

 ♫C Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6 All people will see the salvation of our God

Before the reading ♫C Glory be to you, O Lord.

After the reading ♫C Praise be to you, O Christ.

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to bring God's salvation. Help us to prepare the way for your coming. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 ♫Hymn No: 1 Hark, a herald voice is calling!

Sermon

 ♫Hymn No: 732 Comfort, comfort all my people

Offertory Prayer

♫C: What can I offer to the Lord: for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation: and call on the name of the Lord. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the name of the Lord. I will keep my promises to the Lord: in the presence of all his people; In the courts of the house of the Lord: in your midst, O Jerusalem.

P: Loving God, lead us to listen to the message of your salvation and to live as your people, always ready for the day when Christ will return. Help us to use our time in service to you and to other people.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

♫P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour † and give you peace.

♫C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

♫Hymn No: 16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed