



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Service 04 December 2022



**Service led by The Archdeacon for France,
Monaco & Switzerland
The Venerable Dr Peter Hooper**

Welcome to our service this morning.
The outline for today's service is contained in this service guide.
You are invited to respond at various points with the words in bold print.

If you have any prayer concerns that you would like included in our prayers today there is a book at the back of the Chapel where you can write these down.



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life.
It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity.
It through encountering God within worship
that we are formed and transformed as his people.

As we sit quietly before this service commences let us prepare ourselves to meet Jesus and receive him into our hearts by spending a few moments in prayer and reflection.

THE GATHERING, GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Minister We meet in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you (SoF 54)

<i>BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.</i>	<i>4. I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.</i>
<i>2. We are pilgrims on a journey, We're together on this road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.</i>	<i>5. When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.</i>
<i>3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.</i>	<i>6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES [Two candles are lit]

Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist.
May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome.
In Christ's name we ask this. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All **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**

CONFESSIONS & ABSOLUTION

Minister God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **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 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**

Minister 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.

All **Amen.**

Minister Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Minister 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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"*

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM CANDIDATES

Minister Faith is the gift of God to his people.
 In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.
 People of God, will you welcome *N and N* and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

DECLARATIONS OF THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

- Minister Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.
Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?
With the help of God, we will.
- Minister In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?
With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

- Minister In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:
Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.
- Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.
- Do you renounce evil?
I renounce evil.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

- Minister Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
- All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**
- Minister May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

- Minister Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All who keeps his promise for ever.
- Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.
- Minister We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister Brothers and sisters, let us declare the faith of the Church.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him

Minister This is the faith of the Church

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

BAPTISM

Minister *N*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen**

N and N, today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With us you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God. **Amen**

PRAYERS

Leader Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for these children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All God of grace and life, in your love you have given us a place among your people; keep us faithful to our baptism and prepare us for that glorious day when the whole creation will be made perfect in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

General intercessions are offered ending with Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

THE WELCOME AND PEACE

Minister There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N and N, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Minister We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

We sing our Offertory Hymn during which the collection is taken up.

Offertory hymn: In Christ Alone (SoF 1346)

<i>IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.</i>	<i>3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.</i>
<i>2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.</i>	<i>4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!</i>

ADMISSION TO COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION (FIRST COMMUNION)

The priest addresses the children:

Minister Are you baptized Christians and members of the Church?

The children reply together:

Yes

Minister Do you wish to be admitted to Holy Communion and to share regularly in this meal?

The children reply together:

Yes

The priest addresses the parents, Godparents, & sponsors:

Minister Will you help these children to grow in faith and come to Confirmation when they will confirm for themselves the promises that you made on their behalf at their Baptism?

The parents and godparents reply together:

Yes

The priest addresses the congregation:

Minister Will you welcome these children as communicant members of Christ's family and support them with your friendship and your prayers?

The congregation replies:

We will

The priest says to the children:

Minister In the name of Robert, Bishop of the Diocese in Europe, I welcome you to the sacrament of Holy Communion. May God bless you as you continue with us on your journey of faith.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here
All 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Minister In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened wide his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice
for sin.**

Minister On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

All Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

Minister At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

All **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

Minister As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit, that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Minister With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

BREAKING AND SHARING OF BREAD

Minister As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

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

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

President The Lord's table is ready. Come and eat and drink as Jesus commanded us to do.

All baptised and communicant members of other Churches are invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who do not receive Communion for whatever reason are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says the post-communion prayer

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**

All **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**

THE BLESSING

Minister May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: and the blessing ...

OUR NOTICES

Final Hymn: Crown him with many crowns (SoF 77)

<p><i>CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.</i></p> <p><i>2. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save: His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.</i></p> <p><i>3. Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side, Those wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His burning eye At mysteries so bright.</i></p>	<p><i>4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise: His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.</i></p> <p><i>5. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime! All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.</i></p>
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GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

Minister You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Minister Go in the light and peace of Christ
All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Optional Communion hymns

Light of the world (SoF 1419)

<p>1. <i>LIGHT OF THE WORLD,</i> <i>You stepped down into darkness,</i> <i>Opened my eyes, let me see</i> <i>Beauty that made this heart adore You,</i> <i>Hope of a life spent with You.</i></p> <p>Ref:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>So here I am to worship,</i> <i>Here I am to bow down,</i> <i>Here I am to say that You're my God;</i> <i>And You're altogether lovely,</i> <i>Altogether worthy,</i> <i>Altogether wonderful to me.</i></p>	<p>2. <i>King of all days,</i> <i>Oh so highly exalted,</i> <i>Glorious in heaven above;</i> <i>Humbly You came</i> <i>To the earth You created,</i> <i>All for love's sake became poor.</i></p> <p><i>And I'll never know how much it cost</i> <i>To see my sin upon that cross.</i> <i>(Repeat)</i></p>
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Great is Thy Faithfulness (SoF 147)

<p>1. <i>GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father,</i> <i>There is no shadow of turning with Thee;</i> <i>Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;</i> <i>As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.</i></p> <p>Ref:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Great is Thy faithfulness!</i> <i>Great is Thy faithfulness!</i> <i>Morning by morning new mercies I see;</i> <i>All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,</i> <i>Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!</i></p>	<p>2. <i>Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,</i> <i>Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,</i> <i>Join with all nature in manifold witness</i> <i>To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,</i> <i>Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;</i> <i>Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,</i> <i>Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!</i></p>
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Advent & Christmas 2022 at St. Luke's

- **04/12 Second Sunday of Advent, 10:30: at St Luke's, Baptisms & First Communion led by Archdeacon Peter**
- **11/12 Carol service, 18:00 at St-Luke's with Father Grant, singing group led by Glenys Kennedy**
- **18/12 10h00-15h00: St-Luke's Church day together**
- **24/12 Christmas Eve 18:30 - joint service at the Eglise Réformée led by Pasteure Joëlle Wetzstein assisted by Father Grant**
- **25/12 Christmas Day 10:30 - joint service at St-Luke's led by Nancy Austin assisted by Pasteure Joëlle Wetzstein**

**Everyone Welcome -
Please come and join us**

[Link to the Diocese YouTube site for Ukraine](#)



Advent Prayers Across Europe for Ukraine

Wednesday **7, 14 and 21 December** 2022
18.30 CET (17.30 GMT)

We look forward to welcoming you
via YouTube ([click here](#) or visit
youtube.com and search 'Diocese in Europe')





2nd November 2022

Bishop's Advent Appeal 2022: Toilet Block for Bishop Hannington School, Mumias, Kenya



1 The Bishop Hannington Academy under construction

In Summary

In 2020, I launched an appeal to build a classroom for Bishop Hannington School in Mumias, Kenya. I am delighted to say that the classroom was successfully built. Indeed great progress has been made with the construction of other classrooms too. My appeal this year is for a toilet block for this same school.

Why this Project?

The appeal follows a personal request from Bishop Joseph Wandera. I first met Joseph in the Hague, when he was in the Netherlands studying for a research degree. We renewed our friendship on a Holy Land pilgrimage a few years ago. It was a particular pleasure to meet him again at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, pictured with me here at the Christian Aid stand in the resources tent. So this Appeal is one way of carrying forward the missional intentions of the Lambeth Conference. This region of Kenya is affected by extremes of weather induced by climate change.

The story of Bishop Hannington Academy

In 2013 the Kenyan government introduced a policy of free primary education. This led to big increases in the numbers of children enrolled in schools: improving primary school participation rates is a key factor in development and wellbeing. However, the number of teachers did not increase, and classrooms were congested. Aware of this



2 Lambeth Conference 2022 with Bishop Joseph Wandera

challenge, the Anglican Diocese of Mumias established the Bishop Hannington Academy as their contribution towards better quality primary education in a Christian context.

Building on Success

Back in 2019, the school had just two classrooms with three teachers. As we can see from the photo at the head of this letter, there has been a lot of progress since then with new building.

Because the school is growing, the Diocese now needs to install a purpose-built toilet block. UN sponsored World Toilet Day (19 November) leaves us in no doubt as to the crucial importance of providing good hygiene facilities.

We have already helped Dr. Wandera to build a classroom for the school. This Appeal gives us the opportunity to provide an “ablutions block” for the girls and boys, to give them toilets and the possibility of better hygiene while they are at school. ‘Days for Girls’ (which featured prominently at the Lambeth Conference) has brought home to us all the importance of proper hygiene provision if girls are to manage at school. Better hygiene means a better education. Better education will change their world.



3 Drawing of the planned ablutions block

The cost of the project

Bishop Joseph has given detailed estimates for the project. It will cost 2.4 million Kenyan Shillings, about 20,000 euros, to build a new ablutions block. (That is very good value by West European standards!) Our Advent Appeal will therefore be a very tangible expression of support for the Diocese of Mumias’s mission to educate primary school children.

To donate to the Bishop Hannington Toilet Block Appeal please see the notes below.

Yours sincerely,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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How you can donate to the Bishop in Europe’s Advent Appeal 2022:

By cheque:

“Advent Appeal 2022”.
Diocese in Europe Board of Finance
14, Tufton St
London SW1P 3QZ

By bank transfer:

Account number: 40317039
Sort code: 20-06-13
IBAN: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 3170 39
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On the Diocese in Europe Just Giving page:

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Or: via your Chaplaincy Treasurer to Nick Wraight in the Diocesan Office