



## **28 November 2021**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

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#### **Invitation to Confession**

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.

#### **The Collect**

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**

#### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 33.14-16*

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.'

## **Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

## **Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Alleluia.**

*Luke 21.25-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>25</sup>‘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. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, <sup>35</sup>and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>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.’

## **Introductory sentence to 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.

## Post 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.

## 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.**

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## Notices

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09:30 Holy Communion</b> , Holy Ascension, Settle
	<b>10:30 Tuesday Coffees</b> , Holy Ascension, Settle
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09:30 Holy Communion</b> , St Alkelda's, Giggleswick
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09:45 Celtic Morning Prayer.</b> (email <a href="mailto:julie.clarkson@leeds.anglican.org">julie.clarkson@leeds.anglican.org</a> for link)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11-12 Settle Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)</b> , Holy Ascension, Settle
	<b>09:30 Holy Communion</b> , St Alkelda's, Giggleswick
	<b>11:00 Family Service</b> , Holy Ascension, Settle
	<b>18:00 Advent Carols (Evensong)</b> St Alkelda's, Giggleswick
Sun 12 Dec	1800 Settle Community Christmas Concert, Holy Ascension
Sun 19 Dec	1800 Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols, St Alkelda's, Giggleswick
Christmas Eve	1500 Crib Service Holy Ascension
	1800 Nativity St Alkelda's
Christmas Day	1000 Christmas Communion, St Alkelda's, Giggleswick



## Advent Angels

The host of Advent Angels are multiplying by the day! They will be gathered in on:

**Friday 3 Dec  
2pm**

### Holy Ascension Church

We need volunteers from our churches to gather angels from volunteer knitters, to bring them to Holy Ascension Church and to help label, bag and get them ready for distribution.



## TUESDAY COFFEES

### HOLY ASCENSION

**10 am – 1 pm**

### REFRESHMENTS



The Christmas tree Festival is back – by popular demand 😊 Refreshments are available and Admission is free.

Holy Trinity, Rathmell

**4-5 December 2021**

**11:00-16:00**

The weekend will end with a Carol Service by Candlelight at **6.30pm on Sunday 5 December**, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in Church.



## Advent Service with Carols

**St Alkelda's, Giggleswick**

**Sunday 28 November**

**6.00 pm**

## Langcliffe Singers

and invited friends

## Messiah

by Gorge Frideric Handel

Settle Parish Church  
on Saturday 18 December at 7 pm

**Musical Director Darren Everhart**

Sarah Fox	Suprano
Elinor Carter	Contralto
Philip O'Connor	Tenor
Robert Gildon	Bass
Shaun Turnbull	Organ

Tickets £12 from Car and Kitchen Café,  
Bentham Post Office  
Langcliffesingers.org.uk and on the door