



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

The Second Sunday Before Advent

Sunday 16th November 2025



Please pray:

For The Anglican Province of Alexandria.

For the Cathedral: Edward Dowler, Dean; Earl Collins, Chancellor;
Vanessa Baron, Treasurer; the Vergers and staff.

For Tessa, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and all who support our parish
safeguarding.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Kestrel Close.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith,
Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah

Anniversaries of death: Sarah Ruffels, Sheila Upson, Rose Blance Ealey,
Elsie Mabey, Pamela Kaye, Ken Woodhams

Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Processional Hymn

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- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.

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.

The Penitential Rite

The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

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 Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.**

Mass of St Cedd, Nardone

The Collect

We remain standing for the Collect:

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98 (Chant: Knight)

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song *
for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm *
hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord declared his salvation *
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

- 5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp *
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets also, and shawms *
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is *
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before
the Lord *
for he is come to judge the earth.
- 10 With righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the people with equity.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* world
without end. Amen.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand erect, holding your heads high,
because your liberation is near at hand.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

At the end of the Gospel:

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

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

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.

The Intercessions

In the intercessions, we make this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.

Offertory Hymn *CP 527*

- 1 New songs of celebration render
to him who has great wonders done.
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendour:
come and adore the Mighty One.
He has made known his great salvation
which all his friends with joy confess:
he has revealed to every nation
his everlasting righteousness.**
- 2 Joyfully, heartily resounding,
let every instrument and voice
peal out the praise of grace abounding,
calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
such sounds as make the heavens ring;
all things that live in earth and ocean,
make music for your mighty King.**

**3 Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
honour the Lord with wild acclaim;
mountains and stones look up adoring
and find a voice to praise his name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
praises be his that never cease:
just is our God, whose truth victorious
establishes the world in peace.**

Erik Routley (1917-1982)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

...as without end we acclaim:

**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,
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Mass of St Cedd, Nardone

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends

... for ever and ever.

Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

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.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

**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.**

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Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.

Choir

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester, Leonard J White

Communion Hymn NEH 306

- 1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamour never waken.**
- 2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright,
Thy blessed hope perceiving.**
- 3 The feet that tread thy holy courts
From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy Body fed
With thy new life replenish.**

*Tr. C. W. Humphreys (1840-1921)
Tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

Post Communion

We stand as the priest prays:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

We pray together:

**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 Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The priest asks God's blessing on us:

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

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- 1 Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
Here and in eternity.
- 2 Thine for ever! O, how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.
- 3 Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4 Thine for ever! thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

Mary Maude (1819-1913)

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in A, BWV 536, J S Bach

THIS WEEK

Monday 17 th <i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 18 th	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at the Good Shepherd
Wednesday 19 th	
11am	The Eucharist <i>at Chatsworth Home</i>
Thursday 20 th	
10.30am 11am 7.30pm	The Eucharist Autumn Course Autumn Course (<i>Maldon Road</i>)
Sunday 23 rd Christ the King	
8.00am 10.15am	The Eucharist Parish Eucharist

NOTICES

Our **Christmas Cards** are in the process of being delivered. If you live in the parish and have not received a card through your door, please let Mthr Alice know! There are copies at the back of church as well.

Please keep bringing in items for the **Christmas Fayre**, and we would love some more help to run some stalls.

We will be holding the **Silent Auction** once again this year. Please make your offer on the list at the back of the Church; Food & Hospitality, Talent, or much-loved Artifacts that deserve a new home. Any questions to Michael Miller.

Michael's research survey: You should have received separately an electronic link to this; there are also paper copies at the back of church for those that find this easier. Please participate if you can and ask your friends too! Any questions to Michael.

There is a list at the back of church to sign up for a slot to steward the **Christmas Tree Festival**. We've invested quite a lot into advertising this year, and hope this will pay off with lots of visitors. If everyone signed up for an hour, we'd fill the slots in no time!

On Wednesday 19th November there will be a chance to do some **Domestic Abuse Training** as part of a group here in church. Nibbles will be provided.

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