

CHRIST CHURCH IN THE MANCHE

Gratot Homœel

A service of the Word -16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

Greeting: As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

First hymn:

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,
In every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and Thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
Nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up

Of praise in every part: Praise in the common
things of life,
Its goings out and in;
Praise in each duty and each deed,
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
Let all my being speak
Of Thee and of Thy love, O Lord,
Poor though I be and weak.

So shall no part of day or night
From sacredness be free,
But all my life, in every step,
Be fellowship with Thee

Call to Worship

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you

Prayers of Penitence and Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Second hymn:

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hear the songs of holy Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood!'

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, but knows not how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
whom the angels now adore,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay:
Alleluia! here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Psalm: 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done
marvellous things; his right hand and his
holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the
nations.

³ He has remembered his love and his
faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the
earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ **make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,**
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's
horn –
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

⁷ **Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the
mountains sing together for joy;
⁹ **let them sing before the Lord, for he comes
to judge the earth. He will judge the world
in righteousness and the peoples with
equity.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be forever. Amen.

Third hymn

1 Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

2 Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the King!

3 Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters,
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 5-19

Sermon: Donna

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every
family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions & The Lord's Prayer

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 forever.
Amen

Closing Hymn: our collection will be taken.

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Prayer of Dedication:

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit
transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit
lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to
serve and worship you now and always. Amen

The Grace, shared together.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
us all ever more. Amen