

Holy Eucharist

Sunday 21st December - 4th Sunday of Advent



Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

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Entry of the Ministers *T Veni, veni Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:**

Refrain:

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave: [Refrain]**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight: [Refrain]**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery: [Refrain]**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe: [Refrain]**

Readings: God's Word in scripture



Isaiah 7.10-16

- The Lord will send a sign: a virgin will conceive

Psalm 80.1-7 *T - Rimington*

**Hear us, O King of Is-ra-el,
who shepherds Joseph very well;
And like a flock You care for him,
enthroned between the cherubim.**

**Shine forth before Your people in
Manasseh, Ephra'm, Benjamin;
Awaken in Your righteous might,
and come to save us in Your light.**

**Restore us, God, and make Your face
to shine upon us by Your grace.
Restore us, God, that we may be
forever saved eternally.**

**O Lord, the God of Hosts, how long
will You be angry and prolong
Your wrath against Your people's prayers,
whom You have fed with bread of tears?**

**For You have made us drink our tears
and with our neighbours strive with fears.
Now all our enemies around
mock us with scorn, our lives confound.**

**Restore us, God, and make Your face
to shine upon us by Your grace.
Restore, Almighty God, that we
may now be saved eternally.**

Romans 1.1-7

- Good News announced through the prophets

Gospel greeting:

T – Alleluia give thanks

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His Word.**

**The Virgin will bear God a Son:
His name will be call-ed Emma-nu-el**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His Word.**

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (1 vv18-end)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A Virgin will conceive and bear a son

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His word.

Sermon - Affirmation of Faith - Intercessions

Preparing of the gifts

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In times past the prophets promised
God's Christ would come;
all the scriptures gave their witness,
God's Christ would come -
come to bring the people freedom,
justice, mercy, heaven's wisdom,
all the blessings of the kingdom -
God's Christ would come.

Then from Bethlehem of Judah
God's Christ has come!
Born to Mary, grace-filled mother,
God's Christ has come!
Yet his works of loving-kindness
meet with unbelieving blindness -
not, however, from the powerless -
God's Christ has come.

On the day of God's own choosing
once more he'll come;
on the clouds of heaven riding
once more he'll come.
Truth shall humble every nation,
sheep and goats find separation,
then unfolds Christ's great salvation:
once more he'll come.

At the Sending Out

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Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human. *[Refrain]*

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected. *[Refrain]*

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!