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"He is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive"

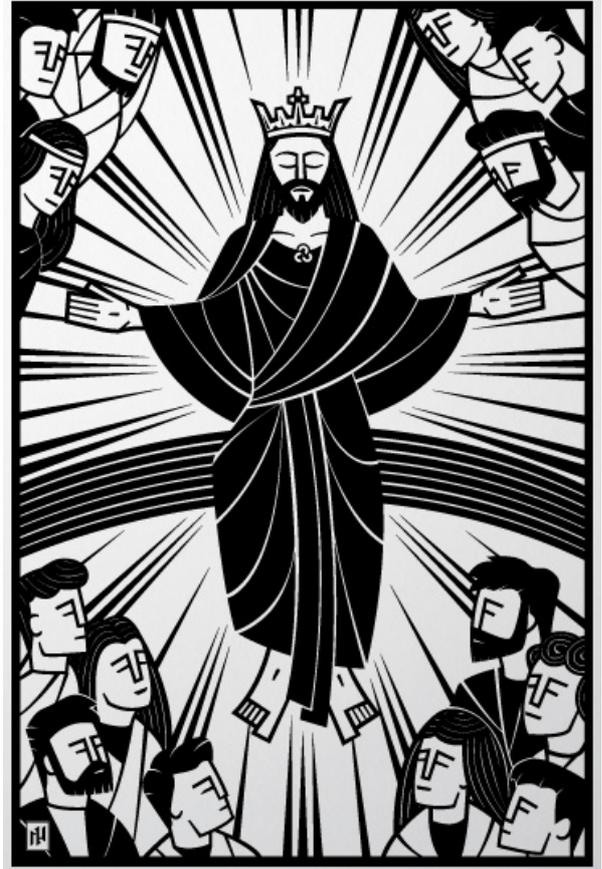
No. 134. The Third Sunday before Advent, 6 November 2022

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

Psalm 17.1-9

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes behold what is right.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 **My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments; my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
- 6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.
- 8 **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, from my enemies who surround me to take away my life. **Amen**



King of Saints. Source: paramentics.com

Luke 20.27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' 34 Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *The Church of England, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell. In our deanery:* *Austwick The Epiphany.*

Our charity: *Cruse Bereavement Support.*

Our community: *in Talk Money Week (7-11 Nov), all facing financial challenges.*

Those in ill health: *Robert Hird, Joan Robson, Peter Read, Margaret Booth.*

Those who have died: *Barry Pearson.*

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall
cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of
heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom and restored the
broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of
the world, and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Music in today's morning services

9:30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion; 11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

Opening Hymn: 197 For all the saints who from their labours rest

Gradual Hymn: 457 The King of love my Shepherd is

Hymn Before Communion: Jesus Christ is waiting: words on p.3

Closing Hymn: Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation: words on p.4

Today's evening service

6.30 **Austwick** All Souls Service: you are welcome to this simple act of remembering our loved ones. Names are read and candles lit in loving memory.

**Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no-one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.**

**Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.**

**Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.**

**Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred his strong love defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I feel triumph too;
on suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.**

**Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.**

Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule

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Using an arrangement of a Taizé community chant by Clive Gareth Grey 2022.

**Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.**

**Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround
us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**

**Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**

**Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that Name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

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Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!)

**HOW VILLAGE CHURCHES THRIVE:
PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING**

St James Church Clapham, Saturday 12 November, 10.30-12.30

Please note this rearranged date for the first of our series on How Village Churches Thrive: join with others from our benefice to share ideas and experiences on stewardship and fundraising. All welcome.

AUSTWICK AUTUMN FAIR

Austwick Parish Hall, Saturday 19 November, 2.00-4.00

Admission £1 which includes a raffle ticket. Something for everyone. All welcome! Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, Wreaths and Christmas Decorations, Books, Cakes, Christmas Cards and Gifts, Hampers, Jams and Preserves, 'Real Advent Calendars' ... and more!

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP: 2022-2023 DATES

Wednesdays, Austwick Parish Hall, 1.30 - 3.00

Everybody is welcome to the Afternoon Fellowship. With refreshments; bring a friend!

November 23: Andy Swinscoe, The Courtyard Dairy story

December 14: Christmas Social with guest John Dawson and carol singing with Austwick School pupils.

Please note these 2023 dates:

January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22, December 13.

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ALL OUR CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE SEASONS OF REMEMBRANCE, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday 13th November

9:30 **Austwick** Remembrance Service

10:45 **Clapham** Remembrance Service

2:00 **Keasden** Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th November

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

6:30 **Eldroth** Taizé Service

Advent Sunday 27th November

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

11:00 **Clapham** *Easy Church: A Simple Service for Advent including a Baptism*

7:00 **Keasden** Songs of Praise

Sunday 4th December

9:30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion

11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

Sunday 11th December

9:30 **Austwick** Holy Communion

7.00 **Clapham** Joint Clapham and Newby Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

9:30 **Austwick** Short Holy Communion

11:00 **Clapham** Holy Communion

4.00 **Austwick** Carol Service *preceded by carols outside church at 3.40pm*

7.00 **Eldroth** Nativity and Carol Service

Thursday 22nd December

7.00pm **Keasden** Carol Service

Christmas Eve 24th December

3.00 **Austwick** Crib Service

5.00 **Clapham** Crib Service *followed by a short Holy Communion*

11.30pm **Austwick** Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

9:30 **Eldroth** Christmas Family Communion

11:00 **Keasden** Christmas Family Communion

The First Sunday of Christmas, 1st January

9.30am **Eldroth** Benefice New Year Holy Communion

The Epiphany, 8th January

9.30am **Austwick** Three Kings Holy Communion

11:00 **Keasden** Holy Communion

Also each Wednesday

(except 28th December)

10.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion