



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# **Second Sunday before Advent**

**Sunday 15 November 2020  
10.00 am**

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**and also with you.**

## **Words of welcome and introduction**

### **Hymn**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,  
thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**High King of heaven when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love  
with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,  
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*cf Psalm 51*

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 Collect**

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by  
our communion with all the saints.

*Silence is kept.*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us children of God  
and heirs to 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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are

not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine outpoured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live and bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God-Immanuel everywhere!  
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the word around: loaves abound!*



## Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia.**

*Luke 19.38*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”

But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where

I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*Matthew 25: 14-30*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

# Sermon

## An Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

## Prayers of intercession

*Written and led by Jean Bradley, and ending with...*

With saints and martyrs through the ages,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

# Hymn

**For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

## **Closing prayer and Acclamation**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Holy God, Holy and Strong One, Holy and Mighty One,  
we rejoice in your presence,  
we live by your power.  
Keep us in your peace;  
through Christ, the living Lord.

**Amen.**

See what love the Father has given us,  
**that we should be called the children of God.**

You are my sons and daughters,  
this day I have begotten you.

**See what love the Father has given us.**

As many as received him,  
to them he gave power to become the children of God.

**See what love the Father has given us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**See what love the Father has given us,  
that we should be called the children of God.**

*cf 1 John 3.1*

## Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**



**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,  
who has transformed those we remember today,  
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## **The dismissal**

Glory to God,

**whose power, at work among us,**

**can do infinitely more**

**than all we can ask or conceive;**

**to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,**

**for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

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