

**Advent Sunday**  
**Fourth Sunday Family Communion**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 10.30am**  
**Theme: The Patriarchs**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion.  
This is a service for *everyone* to engage with and to participate in.

**Gathering to Worship God**

We meet in the name of God,  
**All** **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.  
**All** **And also with you.**

God is great!  
**All** **Let the people praise you!**      (*repeat 4 times*)

**Lighting the Advent wreath**

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.

**All:** **Amen**

*The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit*

**All:** **Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today.  
Amen.**

**Musical Meditation – *Jesu, Lover of my Soul***

## Saying Sorry to God

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

*We keep silence and then join together to pray:*

Heavenly Father,  
you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit,  
you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring *us* back to himself,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and assure *us* of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day (the Collect)**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## Hearing and Responding to the Bible

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25**

**All To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,  
and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**All To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Put an end to my affliction and my suffering,  
and take away all my sins.

**All To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Preserve my life,  
and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.  
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
because I wait for you, O Lord.

**All To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

### **Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 33.14-16**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

#### **The Good Branch**

<sup>14</sup>This message is from the LORD: “I made a special promise to the people of Israel and Judah. The time is coming when I will do what I promised.

<sup>15</sup>At that time I will make a good ‘branch’ grow from David’s family. That branch will do what is good and right for the country.

<sup>16</sup>When he rules, Judah will be saved. The people of Jerusalem will live in safety. This will be his name: ‘The LORD Makes Things Right For Us.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn – Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending (405)**

**All Lo, He comes with clouds descending,  
once for mortal sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
we who set at naught and sold Him,  
pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of His passion  
still His dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to His ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee,  
high on Thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for Thine own:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign and Thou alone.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 21.25-36**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The time will come when there will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. There will be roaring seas and confusion on earth. It will seem like the world is in danger. People will be very afraid of what might happen, and that even the power of heaven is being shaken! It is then that people will see the Son of Man, coming with power and great glory.

'Now when these things happen, stand tall and proud; hold your heads up high, because freedom from all that is evil will be very close.' And he told them a parable. 'It's like the buds that you see on the trees every year – they are signs that summer is near. It's just the same with these other things that I'm telling you about. They will be signs that the kingdom of God is near.

'Believe me, even if everything else disappears, the truth of my words will last for ever. So be careful; don't get weighed down with worry or drawn into what is not good. Be on the lookout! Pray for strength and make yourself ready at all times, for we don't know the day when the Lord will come.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All** 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.

**Time to Pray**

*At the end the following may be said:*

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

**The Peace**

God makes peace within us.  
**All** Let us claim it.  
God makes peace between us.  
**All** Let us share it.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**All** And also with you.

**Hymn – Immortal, Invisible (no. 314)**

**All** 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 like leaves on the tree,  
then 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.**

## **Sharing in Holy Communion**

*Minister*      The Lord is here  
**All**              **God's Spirit is with us.**

*Minister*      Lift up your hearts.  
**All**              **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Minister*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All**              **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Children*      Why is it right to give thanks and praise?  
**All**              **Listen, and we will hear.**

*Left side*      Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

*Right side*    You give us your love,  
even when things go wrong.  
Jesus knew hurt and pain.  
Through him you wipe away our tears,  
and fill us with your peace.

**All**              **You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Left side* We thank you,  
loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.

*Right side* He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

**All** **Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.**

*Children* Why do we share this bread and wine?  
**All** **Listen, and we will hear.**

*Minister* On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.

'So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Children* How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
**All** **Listen, and we will hear.**

*Minister* Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All**      **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 the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All**      **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you.  
Eat in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All**      **Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in our communion.  
Whether I am here physically or virtually,  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Come, I pray, spiritually into my heart.**



**I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.**

## **Going out to Serve God**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

For bringing us together in love.

**All Thank you!**

For feeding us with your very self.

**All Thank you!**

For the power of your Spirit.

**All Thank you!**

For sending us out into the world filled with you Spirit.

**All Thank you!**

## **Notices**

### **Worship song – *The Candle Song***

**Like a candle flame,  
Flick'ring small  
In our darkness  
Uncreated light  
Shines through infant eyes**

***God is with us alleluia  
Come to save us, alleluia, alleluia***

**Stars and angels sing,  
Yet the earth  
Sleeps in shadows;  
Can this tiny spark  
Set a world on fire?**

*God is with us alleluia  
Come to save us, alleluia, alleluia*

**Yet His light shall shine  
From our lives,  
Spirit blazing,  
As we touch the flame  
Of His holy fire.**

*God is with us alleluia  
Come to save us, alleluia, alleluia*

## **Final Blessing**

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**All Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**All Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

We go together with joy and laughter.

**All We go!**

We go together to love and to share.

**All We go!**

We go together to explore and to learn.

**All We go!**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**



# CHRISTMAS @ HOLY TRINITY

## NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Sunday 12th December, 6pm**

This is a Service to hear the Christmas story, sing traditional carols and to listen to beautiful music sung by the choir.

This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church Room.

## COMMUNITY CAROLS ON THE GREEN

**Saturday 18th December, 6pm**

Come and join in with our Community Carols by the newly planted Community Christmas Tree on the Village Green.

## FAMILY CAROLS AND CRIB SERVICE

**Sunday 19th December, 3.30pm**

Here's a Service to really get into the festive mood - singing a fab selection of popular carols and listening to the Christmas story in an engaging and accessible way.

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS (BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE)

**Sunday 19th December, 6pm**

This Service acknowledges the difficulties and pain of a season which is often seen as joyful. It is a chance to focus on the 'light in the darkness' in a more realistic tone than perhaps might usually happen. There will be candle lighting and gentle singing.

## NATIVITY SERVICE

**Friday 24th December, 4pm**

Join us dressed up as your favourite nativity character and take part in the story about the baby that changed the world. This will be a fun, interactive, family friendly time for all who come!

## MIDNIGHT MASS

**Friday 24th December, 11.30pm**

With only moments to go to Christmas Day, this peaceful Service of Holy Communion and carols offers a space to reflect on the wonder of the coming Light of the World.

## CHRISTMAS DAY ALL-AGE HOLY COMMUNION

**Saturday 25th December, 9.30am**

Joy to the world - the Saviour of the World has been born!

Join us for a fun Service of celebration and thanksgiving, with Holy Communion and carols.

# COME AND JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME