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ALL-AGE EUCHARIST
ON
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

Please Stand

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus
Pour out your Spirit we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus
Pour out your Spirit today.

HYMN

Jesus is the name we honour;
Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic name above all other names,
the highest heaven and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify,
we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
We will glorify,
we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify,
we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.
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we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.*

Words & Music: Phil Lawson Johnstone

SHORT TALK & LIGHTING THE ADVENT CROWN

Please Sit down

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:
A light no darkness can put out.

The first candle on the Advent Crown is lit
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. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

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. **Amen.**

SHORT TALK (JESUS CAME)

HYMN

Please Stand

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherds, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton 1857-1932
Tune: Londonderry Air

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

Almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

WE LISTEN TO WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY TO US THROUGH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

Please Stand

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE PRAYERS

Please Sit down

This response is used

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Please Stand

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a socially-distanced sign of the Lord's peace.

HYMN

*Fling wide the gates, unbar the ancient doors;
salute your king in his triumphant cause!*

Now all the world belongs to Christ our Lord:
let all creation greet the living Word!

He comes to save all those who trust his name,
and will declare them free from guilt and shame.

Who is the victor glorious from the fight?
He is our king, our life, our Lord, our right!

Michael Perry 1942-1996 based on Psalm 24

Tune: Crucifer

WE GIVE THANKS OVER BREAD AND WINE AND SHARE COMMUNION

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.
We thank you because Jesus your Son came among us at the first Christmas;
He comes to us today in the bread and wine of the Eucharist;
He will come again at the end of time to take us to his kingdom.

So, with the angels and everyone in heaven
we say together:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

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

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.

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. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest breaks the bread

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

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

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

We warmly invite all those who are baptised to receive Holy Communion with us today. (Children at the discretion of parents). Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to receive a blessing. If you want to receive a blessing just hold your booklet in front of you when you come forward to the altar. Thank you!

SONG AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

SHORT TALK (JESUS WILL COME TO US AGAIN)

Please Sit

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Great is the darkness that covers the earth,
oppression, injustice and pain;
nations are slipping in hopeless despair,
though many have come in your name –
watching while sanity dies,
touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit we pray;
come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
pour out your Spirit on us today.*

May now your Church rise with power and love,
this glorious gospel proclaim;
in every nation salvation will come
to those who believe in your name.
Help us bring light to this world,
that we might speed your return.

Great celebrations on that final day,
when out from the heavens you come;
darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,
and rulers will bow at your throne;
our great commission complete;
then face to face we shall meet.

Words & Music: Gerald Coates & Noel Richards

NOTICES

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and please continue wear a face covering when coming to church. Some changes are being made as restrictions ease but please take care to keep one another safe.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Collection. We do not go around with collection plates at the Offertory but there are plates at the back for your donations. If you are a regular worshipper here please consider giving by Gift Direct, a simple and easy way to give to the work of the Church. Details can be found on the Church in Wales website: www.churchinwales.org.uk Thank you!

Walsingham 2022. A pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham has been arranged for 2022, from 8th to 12 August. (Approximate cost £300 plus transport). For further information or to book place please speak to Fr Rex as soon as possible.

Advent Sunday. At 6pm there will be a special service of Music & Readings: 'Looking for the Light'. Please do come along if you can and we celebrate the start of this most special season.

Christmas Flowers. Donations in memory of loved ones will be gratefully received towards Christmas Flowers. Please complete the envelope at the back of the Church and pass for the attention of Fr Rex. Thank you!

Parish Church Locking. We urgently need help with this. If you are able to help please speak to Janet Cameron. Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

29th Monday – Vigil & Day of Intercession for the Mission of the Church

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
6pm Evening Prayer

30th Tuesday – Andrew, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer
7pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
7pm Bible Study *on Zoom*

1st Wednesday – Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*
6pm Evening Prayer

2nd Thursday – The Saints, Martyrs & Missionaries of Asia

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
6pm Evening Prayer

3rd Friday – Francis Xavier, Missionary

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
6pm Evening Prayer

4th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
6pm Evening Prayer

5th Sunday – Advent 2

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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