



**Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield**  
*Loved as you are*



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**Advent Sunday**

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

***Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection***

### **THE GATHERING**

**As we gather together:**

Prelude in C Minor BWV 549      *Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

*We stand at the entrance of the clergy*  
Prelude      *Michael Gotthardt Fischer 1773-1829*

**Opening Hymn**

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

**Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788*

## **THE GREETING**

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

**All** **Amen.**

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

**All** **And also with you.**

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CROWN

An introduction will be given.

*The Advent Crown is a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the world and into the darkness of our lives. As the Advent Crown is lit, we sing*

Christ - mas is com - ing the Church is glad to sing, and  
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let the Ad - vent can - dles bright - ly burn in a ring. 1. The  
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first is for God's prom - ise to put the wrongs things right and  
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bring to earth's dark - ness the hope of love and light.

*John L Bell b. 1949*

**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 this Christmastide, be king of our lives today. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after  
righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for  
righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**All** 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 to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

### THE KYRIE

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### THE COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

*Please sit for the readings.*

### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-end*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

### ***The Gospel Reading***

*Luke 21:25-36*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

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

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:*

## **THE SERMON**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:*

Maranatha

**All            Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

*and at the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father,

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant    In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All            And also with you.**

Celebrant    Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

*As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.*

### **The Preparation of the Table**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

## **The Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**During the Preparation of the Table  
Hymn**

**The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on,  
To set his servants free.**

**Daughter of Sion, rise  
To meet thy lowly King,  
Nor let thy faithless heart despise  
The peace he comes to bring.**

**As Judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again,  
And his true members all unite  
With him in heaven to reign.**

**All glory to the Son  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever One,  
Through all eternity.**

*Charles Coffin 1676-1749*

**Celebrant** Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.' (Romans 15:7)*

**All**            **Amen.**

Celebrant    Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we  
offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All**            **Blessed be God for ever.**

*We sit or stand for:*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Celebrant    The Lord be with you

**All**            **and also with you.**

Celebrant    Lift up your hearts.

**All**            **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All**            **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

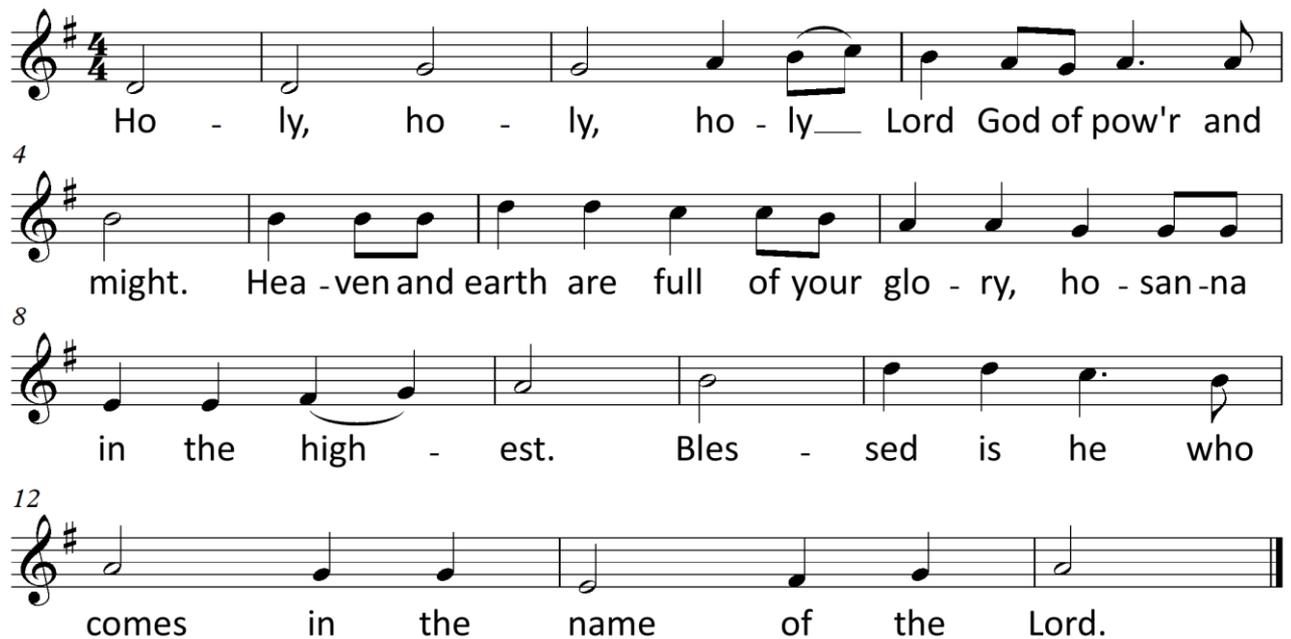
Celebrant    It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus  
Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in  
human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the  
foundation of the world to open for us the way of  
salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now  
watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again  
in glory. And so, we join our voices with angels and  
archangels and with all the company of heaven to  
proclaim your glory, forever praising you and singing:

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

## All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
4 might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na  
8 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who  
12 comes in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

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Dy - ing you des - troyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord  
Je - sus come in glo - ry, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. A small number '5' is written above the second staff. The lyrics are: 'Dy - ing you des - troyed our death, ri - sing you re - stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.'

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with

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whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All**      **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**



### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All**      **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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread*

**All**      **We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

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## ***The Giving of Communion***

Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you any right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love him more.

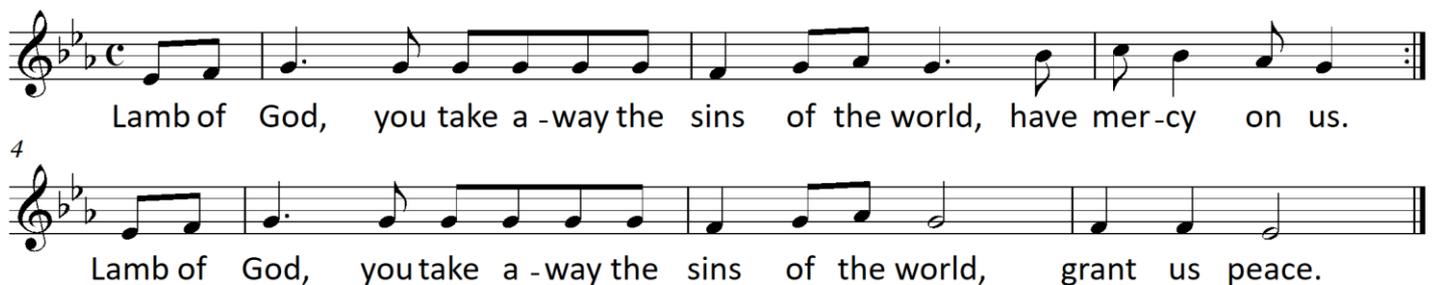
Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

**All**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

**All**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us." The second staff, starting with a measure rest of 4, contains the melody for the second line: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace." Both staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your Communion.*

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words 'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ' please respond: **Amen.***

### **During the distribution of Communion**

Prelude in E Minor BWV 555

*Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750*

### **Reflection**

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.**

*Jacques Berthier 1923-1994*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

**All** **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

#### Final Hymn

**Hills of the north, rejoice,  
Echoing songs arise,  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies:  
He comes in righteousness and love,  
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas  
Sing to the listening earth,  
Carry on every breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the east, arise,  
He is your brightest morn,  
Greet him with joyous eyes,  
Praise shall his path adorn:  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

*'Accept one another, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you.'* (Romans 15:7)

**Shores of the utmost west,  
Lands of the setting sun,  
Welcome the heavenly guest  
In whom the dawn has come:  
He brings a never-ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on,  
Songs be in every mouth,  
Lo, from the north they come,  
From east and west and south:  
In Jesus all shall find their rest,  
In him the longing earth be blest.**

*Charles Edward Oakley 1832-1865*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant** We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Recessional**

Improvisation on 'Veni Emmanuel' *Stephen C Horsman b.1961*

*The Latin: 'Veni, Emmanuel' means, 'O come, Emmanuel' and is sung during Advent. It is a metrical paraphrase of the 'O Antiphons', a series of plainchant antiphons attached to the Magnificat at Vespers over the final days before Christmas. Its origins lie in monastic life of the 8th or 9th century. Seven days before Christmas Eve monks would sing the "O antiphons" in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, 'O Virgo virginum' meaning 'O Virgin of virgins' would be sung before and after Mary's canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55). This organ piece is an improvisation marking the beginning of the Advent season – a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.*

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## ***Thank you for joining in our worship today.***

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### **Notices**

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**Service next Sunday:**  
*Advent 2*

**Said Eucharist Service (8.00 am)**  
**First Sunday Service (11.00 am)**  
**and on Facebook and the parish website [www.ifieldparish.org](http://www.ifieldparish.org)**

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