



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



Sunday 20th December 2020
Advent 4

*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 or laying-on-of-hands for healing, 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

Ave Maria, Arcadelt, arr: Franz Liszt 1811-1886

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Prelude, Chorale: Veni Emmanuel, *Stephen C Horsman*

THE GREETING

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All and also with you

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CROWN

An introduction will be given.

*As the third candle in the Advent Crown is lit (a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the world and into the darkness of our own lives)
the following prayer is said:*

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

All Lord Jesus, Light of the World; blessed is Gabriel who brought good news; blessed is Mary your mother. Bless your Church preparing for Christmas, and bless your children who long for your coming. 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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 us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

The Kyrie

Celebrant Turn to us again, O God our savior,
and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-end

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All 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,**

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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 from 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

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each
petition the following responses may be used:*

All Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand to share the peace:

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.

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

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Music: Prière à Notre Dame, *Léon Boëllmann 1862-1897*

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.

All Amen.

Celebrant Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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

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. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**All 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.**

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
Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Margaret and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

The Giving of Communion

Celebrant 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**

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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: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

*The priest receives the sacrament in both kinds. **When the priest receives communion please join in with the responses below.**
This is a statement of identification with the communion you are about to receive.*

Celebrant The body of Christ
All Amen

Celebrant The blood of Christ
All Amen

*All who have been baptised are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you in a clockwise direction to ensure social distancing is maintained as you receive your Communion.
The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in one kind only, that is the bread. Please remain silent as the priest places the wafer in your hand without speaking.*

Music: Creator alme siderum, *Marcel Dupré 1886-1971*

Mighty Creator of the Skies

Variations on: 'Wait for the Lord' *Jacques Berthier 1923-1994*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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

BANNS READING

THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Pastorale BWV 591, Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

A collection plate has been placed by the west door where you can leave your offering to support the work of St. Margaret's Church. You can also make a donation:

- via the home page of our website www.ifieldparish.org using the yellow 'DONATE NOW' button.
- by sending a cheque made payable to 'Ifield Parochial Church Council' to: Ifield Church Parish Office, 1 Lychgate, Ifield Street, Ifield, Crawley RH11 0NN.
- or by bank transfer to:
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Service next Sunday:
Christmas 1

Service of the Word (11 am) and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org

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