

**Sung Eucharist**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**22 December 2024**

A warm welcome to our services of Holy Communion on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge, Curate, is presiding at 8am and preaching at 8am and 10am. Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, is presiding at 10am.

**READINGS**

Micah 5: 2-5a

Canticle: Magnificat

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-55

**HYMNS**

52 The people that in darkness sat

30 Hark the glad sound

422 Tell out my soul

28 Lo he comes with clouds descending

**COLLECT**

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

for ever.**Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

**This Week’s Advent Wreath Prayer**

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary

that she was to be the mother of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work of bringing to our world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Micah 5: 2-5a**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
    to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
    in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Canticle**

***Magnificat in A* - Stanford**

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. *Luke 1: 46-55*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

**New Testament Reading**

**Hebrews 10: 5-10**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
    but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
    you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”  
    (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**Luke 1: 39-55**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,  
    and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
    Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
    and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
    from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
    he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
    and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
    and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
    in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
    to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Missa brevis in F* - Mozart**

**Canticle**

***Magnificat in A* - Stanford**

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**Anthem: *Nowell sing we* - Martin**

*Nowell sing we both all and some, Now Rex pacificus is ycome*.

Ex ortum est in love and liss, now Christ his grace he gan us giss,

and with his body us bought to bliss both all and some.

*Nowell sing we …*

De fructu ventris of Mary bright both God and man in her alight,

out of disease he did us dight both all and some.

*Nowell sing we*

Gloria tibi ay and bliss; God unto his grace he us wiss,

the rent of heaven that we not miss both all and some.

*Nowell sing we …*

*15th Century English Carol*

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Missa brevis in F* - Mozart**

***Dixit Maria -* Hassler**

Mary said to the Angel:  
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,  
let it be done to me, according to your word. *Luke 1.38*

**Organ voluntary**

***Cortège et Litanie* - Dupré**

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Sue Balmer, Ian Clark, Fiona Cochran, Gaie Delap, the Gethin family, Lynn Hedges, Hessie Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Simon Mitchell, Richard Poole, Debbie Sandringham, David Skingley, Jean Smith, Anne and Noel Timmons, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll.

We remember all who have died recently including Philip Caine, Linda Dean, Sir Brian Jenkins, Pauline Kirkman, Maggie Jenvey, and Meera Manchanda and her young son, Charlie Ghosh. We also remember Elisabeth and Frank Abrahams on their year’s mind. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

**A Prayer from *Embrace the Middle East***

Compassionate and loving God, we stand with those who cry in anguish in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon. With those who have lost their lives to violence, those who mourn, those who have been displaced, those who are held unjustly against their will, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. We pray for an end to the fighting and violence. We pray for the courage to speak up for peace, to challenge the hatred in our own hearts and minds, and to do all that we can to make for the peace that builds our common life as the nations of your world. Lord, move our hearts. In Christ’s name. Amen.

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 22 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent***

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Monday 23 December**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 24 December *Christmas Eve***

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Christingle Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass

**Wednesday 25 December *Christmas Day***

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 29 December *First Sunday of Christmas***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Weekday services will be paused for the Christmas break from 26 December and will resume on Monday 6 January 2025 with Morning Prayer at 8am.

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