

**First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 1st December 2024
All-Age Eucharist
St Anne's Mass – MacMillan**

The Advent Antiphon

sung by the choir

Processional Hymn

**Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'**

**Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;**

**So when next he comes in glory,
and earth's final hour draws near,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Introduction

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

Hear us when we cry to you.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

please sit

Lit by a child

With love and compassion

come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy

come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory

come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth

come, Lord Jesus.

Prayers of Penitence

introduced by the Deacon.

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.

*Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

Absolution

Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive you your sins, and 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.

Amen.

The Collect

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading *Luke 21: 25-36*

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*A sentence from scripture is sung and then we respond singing
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All Age Talk and Prayers *please sit*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace *please stand*

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
and also with you.

‘Let us offer one another a sign of peace’.

Offertory Hymn

A collection plate will be passed around if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby.

**Lord Jesus Christ
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's son;
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

The president takes the bread and wine and says:

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

The president praises God for His mighty acts and we all sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the last supper, and we use this acclamation:

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds:
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *please sit*

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us, so 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.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Agnus Dei

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

Giving of Communion

The president offers the invitation to communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

The Communion

If you would like to receive Communion you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not normally have Communion but would like a blessing, please come up to the altar holding this service book as a sign. A sidesperson will show you when to come up.

During Advent there is an opportunity to receive a prayer for wholeness and healing after you have received Communion. This is available in the Lady Chapel.

Anthem

please sit

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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 Saviour.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

The Notices, Banns of Marriage and Birthday Slot

please sit

The Blessing

please stand

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Awake and rise, like men renewed,
men with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.**

**Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Wachet Auf – Bach

Please stay and join us for refreshments!