

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 24th December 2023
Parish Eucharist
St Anne's Mass – MacMillan**

Processional Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

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

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

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Reading *Luke 1:46b - 55 – The Magnificat*

At the end the reader may say

For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.'**
Gloria!

**'For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.'**
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
‘To me be as it pleaseth God’, she said,
‘My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name’:
most highly favoured lady.

Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
‘Most highly favoured lady’.

Gloria!

Gospel Reading **Luke 1:26 -38**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Sermon

please sit

The Creed

please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,**
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

please sit

During Advent this response is used:

Maranatha:

Come, Lord Jesus.

At the end:

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come
from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in your kingdom
and we shall see your Son in his glory.

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

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.

The children invite us to share the peace:

'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.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see:**

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled,
longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us;
make us your living voice:**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone:**

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come:**

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:

**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 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.

Communion Hymn

please sit

**Silent night! Holy night!
Heaven is near, earth is bright
angel songs are heard above
as the Child of peace and love
sleeps in Mary's arms.**

**Silent night! Holy night!
skies are clear, stars are bright,
now the shepherds wend their way,
homage to this Child to pay:
he is Christ the Lord**

**Silent night! Holy night!
Christ is here, all is light,
shadows of the past are gone
with the advent of the Son,
born to save us all.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

**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 and Banns of Marriage

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

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:**

Alleluia!

God appears, on earth to reign.

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:**

O come quickly!

Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Dismissal

**As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Please stay and join us for refreshments!