

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday 19th December 2021
Parish Eucharist
St Anne's Mass – MacMillan**

The Advent Antiphon

sung by the choir

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

Lit by the children before they go out to Children's Church.

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.

The children leave for their groups.

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.

The choir sings:

*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 *Micah 5: 2-5a or Hebrews 10: 5-10*

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: 39-45 [46-55]*

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.

Sermon *please sit*

The Creed

please stand

**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 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 *please sit*

During Advent this response may be used:

Maranatha:
Come, Lord Jesus.
or
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

No collection plate will be passed around. If you would like to leave a cash donation please take it to the offering plate on the font. Alternatively please use our contactless card reader in the Narthex.

**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 food, many are hungry,
longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed:**

**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 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 *The choir sings:*

*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 Lord 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.

Anthem *please sit*

*During the distribution of communion the choir sings an anthem:
Frohlocket ihr Völker - Mendelssohn*

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised savour; 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.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**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.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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