

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**9th December 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** *(please stand)* 32 ‘O come, O come Emmanuel’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

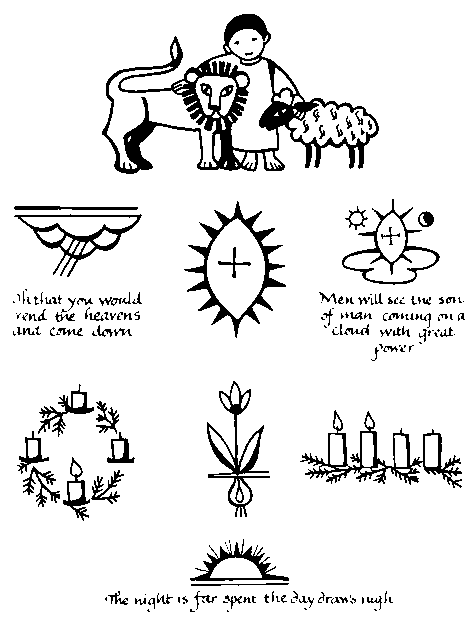
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All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lighting the Advent Wreath – the Prophets**: (please remain standing)

Priest: Jesus said, ‘Do not think I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.’

All: Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus



The second candle is lit and this prayer is said:

Priest: Jesus is the light of the world

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world,

the prophets said you would bring peace

and save your people in trouble.

Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide

and show all the world God’s love.

We sing (tune: Angel voices)

Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray,

longing for the Day of Glory ‘Come, Lord, soon,’ we say.

Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,

changed for gladness on that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying, making pathways clear;

glimpsing glory, self-denying, calling all to hear.

Through their message – challenged, shaken –

hearts awaken: God is near!

**Prayers of Penitence**

Priest: A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

After a period for silent reflection:

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

All 🎜 Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us; your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi** *(Mal 3. 1–4)*

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  40 ‘Ye servants of the Lord’

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians** *(Phil 1. 3–11)*

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 24 ‘Come thou long expected Jesus’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;

and all flesh shall see the sal-vation of God.

**All 🎜 … Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 3. 1–6)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

##### the sermon

Please stand to say the Nicene Creed:

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: 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.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

The prayers are led by a member of our congregation. Each section ends:

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord **All reply: Lord, have mercy.**

Please remember in your prayers:

* **those who are sick:** (4) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Bill Lowson, Zenia, Karen Wilkinson, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee (3)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Jacqueline Willington, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley (2) Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor, Maria Parkinson (1) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner
* **those who have died:** Bill Lowson, Joe Foote
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Arthur Dearden

***Tuesday:*** Frank Delooze

***Thursday:*** Ernie Hendry

***Thursday:*** Gilbert Appleton

***Saturday:*** Ada Littlewood, Hilda Meakin

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest: 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**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  87 ‘Hail to the Lord’s anointed’

Eucharistic Prayer A *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All 🎜 His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All 🎜 We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 🎜 It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and *singing:*

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

Priest: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

All 🎜 When we eat this bread and drink this cup

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Priest Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise*:*

All 🎜 Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

Priest: Looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: 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.**

**All** 🎜 **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.** *(twice)*

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

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

220 ‘How beauteous are the feet’

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives

*Make way, make way, for the King of kings*

*Make way, make way, and let his kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh;

With laughter, joy and royal crown, he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all;

To have no gods before him, their thrones must fall.

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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.

Priest: Christ the Sun 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:** 29 ‘Hills of the north, rejoice!’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 11th: 7.00pm Christmas Choir Practice and Parish Office

Wed 12th: 9.30am School Nativity Play (in school)

7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 13th: 10.30am Eucharist

12 noon Funeral of Joe Foote

2.00pm School Nativity Play (in school)

Thursday Ladies' Club meal – details to be confirmed

Fri 14th: 1.30pm Final Choir Practice for Carol Service

Sat 15th: 3.00pm School PTA Christmas Fair – all welcome

**Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Advent**

**(16th Dec) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**6.00pm Carol Service – please bring a friend!**

**Tea and Coffee**: are served at the end of this service. Please do join us.

**School Nativity Play**: everyone welcome – do come and support the children please.

**Thursday Ladies' Club members**: please have a word with Fr Michael this morning about a possible meal out.

**In-house Christmas Card**: please let Fr Michael have your entry for the card if you wish to take part. Closing date 13th December. Available on 17th.

**Advent 2 9th December 2018**

Priest: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

(All kneel)

Leader: Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.

We pray for the church on the Falkland Islands

and for our partner diocese of Virginia.

We ask your blessing on the Church in this country

and on Paul, bishop of this diocese.

Help us to live in the light of your coming

and give us a longing for your kingdom.

*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Come to your world as King of the nations:

We pray for all who suffer in our world through injustice

and for those working towards good government.

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

We pray too for those who suffer as a result of warfare and violence, hunger, illness or natural disaster.

*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray today for Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Bill Lowson, Zenia, Karen Wilkinson, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Jacqueline Willington, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley, Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor, Maria Parkinson, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner

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Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress,

and set us free to serve you for ever.

*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember those who have died recently, including Bill Lowson and Joe Foote;

and also Arthur Dearden, Frank Delooze, Ernie Hendry, Gilbert Appleton, Ada Littlewood and Hilda Meakin whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Grant us, with all the faithful departed,

a share in your victory over evil and death.

*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,

that with Saint Andrew and all your saints and angels

we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

*(pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

*(silence is kept)*

Come Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

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