

St Swithun's, Hither Green

Eucharist



Advent 2

6th December 2020

The Gathering

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome

Advent Wreath Prayer

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 Christmas
and show all the world God's love.

Amen.



Prayer of Preparation

Into our world as into Mary's womb,

come, Lord Jesus!

Into the forgotten places as into the stable,

come, Lord Jesus!

Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;

into the lives of the powerful, bringing generosity;

into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;

into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;

into our lives; into our longings; whatever our estate,

come, Lord Jesus!

Blessed are those who wait on the Lord!

Amen. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Prayers of penitence

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.

A Short Silence to reflect

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins, 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and
saviour we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her

sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of

the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be

made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough

places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and

all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has

spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of

the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass

withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for

ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good

tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of

good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his

arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense

before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather

the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently

lead the mother sheep.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my

messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of

the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer

appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance

for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to

him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon *Leon Clarke*

Affirmation of faith

Let us proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ:

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

Amen.

Prayers

Let us pray

The response to: Come Lord Jesus

is: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus**

Especially we remember:

Those who are in need or have asked for our prayers – Rossy and family, Kevin, Gwen, Marshall, Susan, Cherine, Karen, Paulette, Maureen and family, Pamela, Neil, Debbie, Elaine and family, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Diane, Harold, Ivy, Sean, Taneisha, Talabi, Susan, Sydney, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena and Stephen.

Those who have died – Eleshia

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

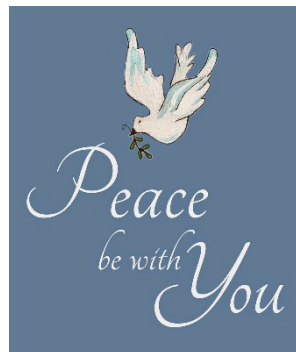
The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dawn 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 with you

And also with you.

Let us wave to one another the sign of peace.



Advent Carol

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, Thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer over the gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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 is here

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them saying: *Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: *Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for
the forgiveness of sins: do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move round the church. Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

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: **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

*The Advent Calendar is outside – we hope you will enjoy it...
Thank you Izzy, Jon and family for making it happen.*

*Our worship services will continue within the guidelines. The
church can be opened for private prayer on request.*

Please note our proposed Christmas Services:

*Christmas Eve - Deconstructed Christingle come and see the
crib, listen to some carols, and collect your Christingle*

- Any time between 3pm-5pm*
- Midnight Mass – 11.30pm*

Christmas Morning Eucharist – 10am

*We will continue to upload the services and the sermons on the
website for those who are unable to come in person and the
booklet and sermon will be delivered to those who are unable to
come to church and do not have technology or have asked to be
kept in touch this way.*

*Happy Birthday all those who have a
birthday – especially Caleb*



With the permission of the Bishop of Southwark, due to the limitations of public gatherings during the Coronavirus-19 pandemic, Mother Juliet, parish priest of Saint Swithun's will admit Diane Keen, our Churchwarden, to her office for 2020/2021.

The Commissioning

Those chosen for the ancient office of Churchwarden have legal duties and responsibilities prescribed by Statute and Canon law, and so I now ask you Diane:

Will you, as an officer of the bishop, discharge all such duties as are by law and custom assigned to you?

Diane - With the help of God, I will

Will you be foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with Mother Juliet, the incumbent?

Diane - With the help of God, I will

Will you use your best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them?

Diane - With the help of God, I will

Will you maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service? *Diane*

Diane - With the help of God, I will

Will you care for the property, ornaments and other moveable goods of the church, keeping an inventory thereof, and duly deliver to your successors all such goods of the church remaining in your hands?

Diane - With the help of God, I will

The law requires that, before you are admitted to office, you must make the following declaration:

Diane - I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of my office as Churchwarden.

I admit you, having duly made the declaration, to the office of Churchwarden to serve in this parish.

May God give you grace to fulfil your ministry.

May you know God's wisdom, peace and love:

and may you have joy in your ministry through the Holy Spirit: in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

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.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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