



Welcome

The Second Sunday before Advent

17 November



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings

Accessibility

There are instructions to 'stand' at various points in the service.

If you are unable to stand for long periods, please ignore them!

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Hearing loop installed; collect a receiver from the back of church.

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before
him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then
invites the candidate and her parents and
Godparents to come forward and addresses
them saying:*

Priest: Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *this child* and uphold *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

Priest: Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *her* growth in faith. Will you pray for *her*, draw *her* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *her* in the way of Christ?

P & G With the help of God, we will.

Priest: In baptism *this child* begins *her* journey in faith. You speak for *her* today. Will you care for *her*, and help *her* to take *her* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

P & G With the help of God, we will.

Priest: In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys, and rise to live with him for ever. Therefore I ask:

Priest Do you reject evil?

P & G I reject evil.

Priest And all its many forms?

P & G And all its many forms.

Priest And all its empty promises?

P & G And all its empty promises.

Priest Do you turn to Christ?

P & G I turn to Christ.

Priest And put your trust in him?

P & G And put my trust in him.

Priest And promise to follow him for ever?

P & G And promise to follow him for ever.

Priest Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

All Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil, and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.

Priest: May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

We sing the **Gloria**, which you will find on the separate music sheet.

The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

We sit for the **first reading**

First Reading

Daniel 12.1-3, read by Andrea

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. ¹'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er
us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Mark (13,1-8)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

1As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' 2Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' 3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' 5Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon

The Prayers of Intercession follow

At the end:

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

*After the Intercessions, we move to the Font,
the Priest blesses the waters of Baptism and
then says*

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ. Do you believe in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We
believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.**

Priest N, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Receive this light. This is to
show that you have passed
from darkness to light

**All Shine as a light in the
world, to the glory of God
the Father.**

Priest: May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

Priest: Let us now pray for grace in guiding *this child* in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for *this child* and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their home from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All **And also with you**

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

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken during the **hymn***

**I From heaven you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.**

**Refrain: This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.**

**2 There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
Refrain**

**3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.
Refrain**

**4 So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.
Refrain**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink

All **Blessed be God for ever**

Priest Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hand, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which we reply **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: **Christ has died**

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: **Amen**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*

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.**

The congregation approaches the altar to receive **Communion.**

All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion.

Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.

Please make your way to the Altar

Please receive Communion in your hand ONLY. If you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain in place, if not, return to your pew

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

Please remain seated to sing the hymn:

I. Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

**2. Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light!**

**3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

**4. Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light!**

Post Communion Prayers:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long; through Jesus Christ
our Saviour.

Amen

We say together:

**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.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal***

**1. Lord, the light of your love is
shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon
us
Set us free by the truth you now
bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

**2. Lord, I come to your awesome
presence
From the shadows into your
radiance
By the blood I may enter your
brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine etc**

**3. As we gaze on your kingly
brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your
story
Shine on me, shine on me. Shine etc**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

What's On This Week

Tuesday 19 November

10.30am Sing Space Choir

2.30pm Theatre Chaplaincy UK meeting

Wednesday 20 November

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and cake – *all welcome*

Thursday 21 November

9.30am School Eucharist – *all welcome*

Friday 22 November

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 23 November

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 24 November

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Feast of Christ the King

Tickets for all paid events may be obtained from www.actorschurch.org