

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2020

Holy Communion with the Holy Baptism



A Mosaic of Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem

WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas online service during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are glad you've come to join us as, together we worship God.

If you join live streamed service from church at 9.50 am for 10 am start via YouTube channel, you may wish to light a candle and have this order of service at hand.

If you watch the service some other time, you are also encouraged to sit quietly and prepare yourself for worship.

*“The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.
God is close to those who trust in him.”
Nahum 1:7*

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction may be said.

The Liturgy of the Advent Candles

Advent 4 – Joy

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 & Luke 1:26-38

Reader One:

We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery.

Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Reader Two:

Luke tells us that God's favour came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Reader One:

We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

All **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

The fourth Advent candle is lit in silence.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites the people to confess their sins using these words

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 Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
and cleanse + you from all your sins
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The Collect is said, and all respond **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

The deacon says following or seasonal acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Liturgy of the Holy Baptism

Presentation of the candidates

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *N* and *N* who have come to be baptised today.
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

So I ask you all here and at home:

Will you support *these children* as *they being their* journey of
faith?

All **We will.**

Will you help *them* to live and grow within God's family?

All **We will.**

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and
Godparents, you speak for *N* and *N* today.

Will you pray for *them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?
We will.

The Decision

The president addresses parents and godparents.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with
him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and
neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each child
saying*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

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.**

Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. Now, Father, we ask you to bless + this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *these candidates* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

The candidates are baptised with the words

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

All **Amen.**

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.**

The Commission

The president address the whole congregation.

The giving of the lighted candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

The Welcome

The president says

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *[name]* by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation greets the newly baptised with the round of applause.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table and the Offering

During the worship from our homes, you are encouraged to set up direct debits for your giving. Details can be found in our notice sheet. Your giving is very much appreciated and greatly needed. Thank you.

"Excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8:7)

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving" (Mother Theresa)

Offertory Prayer

All Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives, to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The president takes the bread and says

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

The president takes the wine and says

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

(from 17 December until Christmas Eve)

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread,
gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with *St Barnabas* and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,
All **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

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 president lifts the priest wafer and says before receiving the bread

The Body of Christ.
All **Amen.**

The president lifts the wine and says before receiving the wine

The Blood of Christ.
All **Amen.**

*You are encouraged to say these words of the Act of Spiritual Communion whilst
the Communion is distributed in church.*

All **My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

At the end of the distribution the president says

Let us pray

*The president says the Post Communion prayer from the pew sheet to which all respond **Amen.** Then the following prayer is said*

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.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Blessing

All **The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless,
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Sending Out

The deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**