



St Anne with Holy Trinity, Brondesbury

Confidently sharing the love of Christ

Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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*Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. **Please wear a face mask at all times during worship and while you are inside.** For the time being we have also decided to suspend refreshments after the service.*

Please let us respect the needs of each other at this challenging time.

All the words you need will be on the screens at the front, but service sheets and hymn books are available if you prefer.

During Advent we wait for the coming of Christ, not only in the story of the Nativity, but in the here and now. We wait for the coming of God's Reign on earth, when peace and justice will be a reality. The concepts of Advent are often difficult as they speak of judgement and end times. Equally they talk of new life beyond our understanding. As we come to this Advent Season, let us not be afraid of our waiting, or of the uncertainty it may raise. Rather we are invited in our prayer and meditation to call out 'Come, Lord Jesus, Come!'



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of Advent**

Please stand as the bell is rung as we sing our opening Hymn 700 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

**We meet in the name of God who is (+) Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President will introduce the service before God with our prayers of confession

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.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
and to these my brothers and sisters,
I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness
of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise
me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

After a period of silent reflection we sing together:

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We are reassured of God's Forgiveness

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Advent Wreath is lit

Each of the four Sundays reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. On this fourth Sunday we remember Mary who said 'yes' and bore Jesus that we might all know the love of God.

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.

**Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world. Amen.**

The Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word (please sit)

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

The prophet Micah was active during a tumultuous period in Israel's history. The oracle in chapter 5 vows that God's ancient covenant with Israel is secure and reliable, even as it may come about in an unexpected manner. The oracle provides assurance that God's covenant with David -- the one "from of old, from ancient days" -- is eternal and is still operative, even as Judah is under threat.

A reading from the Prophet Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We hear a reading from the New Testament.

Today's reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews. During the Advent and Christmas season we have a wonderful opportunity to think through and speak about the meaning and purpose of the life of the Lord Jesus. This passage is at one time both potentially controversial, but also massively encouraging. It can speak to us about our own lives and how we should respond to the incarnation of the Christ.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken

pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as we sing hymn 687 Take my life and let it be

The Gospel

In today's Gospel reading Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55) - we hear the wonderful words of the Magnificat during Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Having learned from the angel that she will give birth to the Son of God, Mary hurries to visit her pregnant relative Elizabeth in the hill country. The intimate conversation that follows portrays Jesus as more important than John. It also shows God already at work to overturn the world's structures and expectations. The spotlight shines on Mary and Elizabeth, two lowly and shamed ones through whom God has chosen to begin the transformation of the world. Elizabeth's words and actions invite us to reflect on our own openness to the ways that God chooses to act in our world. What is God doing through unexpected people in our society today? Where is God at work through people whom our neighbours and fellow church members often exclude or treat as shameful? Will we listen to the Spirit's prompting when the bearers of God's new reality show up on our doorstep?

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the

child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles creed.

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

**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.
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.**

*We sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.
After each bidding we pray*

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

After every group of names we pray

Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

At the conclusion of the prayers

Merciful Father,

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament *(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.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace in a Covid friendly way.

We sing our offertory Hymn 692 Tell out my soul

We give thanks for God's gifts

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

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

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

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

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

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

The preface continues until we sing.

**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.**

After the Consecration

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

At the end we say—Amen

**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**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We sing the Agnus Dei.

**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.**

The Elevation

Behold the Lamb 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.**

All who are baptised are welcome to receive. We currently receive in one kind only. That means we receive the bread only. The Priest receives the wine on our behalf. Once all have received the bread and returned to our seat we consume together with the words

The body of Christ **Amen**

During Communion we listen to The Magnificat. You may also like to light a candle during this time as a symbol of your prayers rising toward God.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
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. **Amen.**

Notices and Banns

The Lord be with you
And also with you

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

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

We sing our final hymn **307** Hills of the North

You are invited to join us for refreshments downstairs.

Notices

Revd Canon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy has been appointed as the next
Bishop of Willesden. You can read about him on the Diocese
website see <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/new-bishop-of-willesden-tours-west-london/>

Laurence's Larder

You can still leave your donations, tinned fish or any non
perishable food in the basket at the top of the stairs. You can see
updates on this work at www.laurenceslarder.org.uk

Coming to Church

Please wear a mask at all times this is now required by law.

Please 'wrap up' as windows will be open! For now, we are not
offering refreshments after the service.



Advent

Advent, like Lent, is a time for personal and corporate reflection on how we live our faith. In the case of Advent we are in a season of waiting. Advent waiting is not however simply about the birth of Jesus. Our Advent season waiting is also thinking ahead to Christ's future coming.

Advent Reflection followed by Mass

Final Session on **20th December at 6pm** there will be an Advent reflection in the Chapel concluding with a Said Mass.

This year we will be exploring 'Music of Eternity' using some of the resources from the 2021 Archbishop of York's Advent book.

Opportunities During Advent 2021



At St Anne's we have a giving tree on the first floor landing of the church. It is a symbolic place to be charitable during Advent and Christmas.

Four ways to give under the tree this Christmas:

- 1. Laurence's Larder.**
Donations of non perishable items or cash.
- 2. Gift Box for St Mungo's**
Fill a shoe box with items that would be useful for a homeless man. Warm socks, hats, gloves, toiletries, tea bags, cup of soups. Wrap the box, or in a gift bag and place under the tree.
- 3. Gift to St Anne's for its ministry**
This Christmas you are invited to give a gift to St Anne's to help us continue our work in this place. We invite you to simply place your gift to St Anne's in the envelope provided, and place it in the basket under our Christmas tree.
- 4. Vouchers for those in need**
Supermarket vouchers means we can give the ability to those in need to buy what they need. Vouchers of £5 or £10 are the most useful. And it would be helpful if they were for a Supermarket in the local area (including Kilburn). These can be they shared throughout the coming year.

Carols by Candlelight

with Queen's Park Singers— TODAY Sunday 19th December at 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the carpark!

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. In November we raised £1850. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Period between Christmas and New Year

Boxing Day is on a Sunday this year. There will be a normal Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am. After this the building will be closed until our next Sunday service on 2nd January. There will be no Morning Prayer from 26th Dec—until 4th January.



For our prayers— Bob, Piers, Gill, Neale, Michael, Joyce, Jackie, Mavis, Hada, June, Michael, Kay, Comfort, Joyce, Fr Robert, Jean, Peter, Pearl, Rute, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth. We remember those who have died recently including David, Isobel Robinson and Ron Sutcliff and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including

Patrick Salmon Kenneth Timbers, Thomas McNight, Milton McGregor, Fred Hogg, Morgan Johnson, Ed Anderson, Marylou Renault, Albert Beauchamp, Richard Killick and Gerry Clist.

Services during the week 19th December 2021

Sunday 19th—4pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 20th 2pm—Christian Contemplation

6pm—Advent reflection followed by Mass

Tuesday 21st 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Thursday 23rd 8.30am Morning Prayer in Chapel and on Zoom

Friday 24th 5pm Crib Service

8pm Zoom Service with Carols

11pm Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th 10am Christmas Eucharist with Carols

Sunday 26th 8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel

Christmas 1 9.30am Sung Mass

Thought for the Day on Facebook at some point.

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