



Welcome to St. Philip's Anglican Church

10.00am - Holy Eucharist Advent 2
Celebrant - The Rev'd Stuart Hallam
Organist - Michael Murray



Sunday, December 6, 2020

Prelude - Es ist ein ros' – Entsprungen by J. Brahms

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant	Arise, shine, our light is coming.
People	The glory of the Lord is rising upon us.
Celebrant	Though night still covers the earth
People	and darkness covers the nations,
Celebrant	over us will the Lord arise,
People	over us will the glory of God appear.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Celebrant	We light this candle of peace,
People	watching and waiting for your Holy Light,
Celebrant	we come in faith and say:
People	Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Celebrant Almighty God

People	To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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
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Kyrie – Russian Chant (706)

Collect	Peacemaker you gave breath to a voice in the wilderness calling us to prepare, clothe us in the beauty of your compassion and swaddle us against all fear, so that we may rest in your arms of love
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and share in your way of shalom.
We ask this in the name of the one who was,
and who is, and who is to come,
Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Story of St Nicholas

Gospel Acclamation – Plainsong (708)

The Holy Gospel Mark 1.1-8

Reader	The Lord be with you
All	And also with you.
Reader	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Reader	This is the Gospel of Christ
All	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon - Stuart Hallam

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant	Let us join together in an affirmation of faith.
People	We believe in God, the Source of Life, by whom every being in heaven and earth is created, named, and sustained.

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word,
Comforter, Mystery. Amen**

Prayers of the People led by Janet Brown

Confession

Celebrant	Dear Friends ... Most merciful God,
All	We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus.
So come, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal One,
**All risking hope in this season of anticipation,
 watching and waiting for your Holy Light,
 we bring our offerings to you and say in faith:
 Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
 We thank you for this bread and wine,
 gifts of your creation.
 We thank you for the gift of Emmanuel:
 God with us. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant God is with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up to God.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All We give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Creator, you made our world beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you and all creation.
You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like.
We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God.
You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas.
You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One. All you create is a sign of hope for our
journey. And so, we join with the heavenly beings and all of creation

as we sing:

Sanctus – Iona Columba by J. Bell

Celebrant Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: “Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and ascension, and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love. Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all our people into the joy of your eternal home.

All Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator and give you our unending praise. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer – Angela Reith

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God by Angela Reith

Prayer After Communion

**God for whom we wait,
in this service you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power working in us can do infinitely

more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn – Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending, (114, Helmsley)

Doxology

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The Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom and salaam of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Wachet Auf! Ruft uns die Stimme , J.S. Bach

Please join us for zoom coffee after the service at 11am.

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