***9.30am** – 29th Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent*

WELCOME & NOTICES

THE INVOCATION
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and † of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

ADVENT LITANY
Today is the first Sunday in Advent, so we light the first Advent candle, the candle of HOPE.
Light the first candle
May Christ our Saviour bring hope into the dark corners of this world, to those who fear the future - and also to us, as we wait for His coming.
As light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way.

Cong: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

OPENING SONG AT 20 Come, Lord Jesus, come

Come, Lord Jesus, come, into this weary world.
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.

1. Wars have come and wars have gone;
Come, Lord, come!
Still the cry goes up, "how long?"
Come, Lord, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, come, into this weary world.
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.

2. Hearts are breaking, tears fall down;
Come, Lord, come!
Come and free us, we are bound.
Come, Lord, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, come, into this weary world.
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.

3. Darkness grows as night wears on;
Come, Lord, come!
Will we live to see the dawn?
Come, Lord, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, come, into this weary world.
O, how we long for you to come, Lord, come.

4. Nations rise and nations fall;
Come, Lord, come!
God is with us through it all.
Come, Lord, come!

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THE CONFESSION OF SINS

The prophet Isaiah said:' All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
Therefore let us come before his mercy seat to be washed clean.

Jesus, you said that your word will never pass away.
We confess that we fail to live up to your word. Our prayer life has been sub-standard.
We have been afraid to share your word of love and grace with those you came to save.
Have mercy and forgive us in Jesus' name.

THE ABSOLUTION

Jesus has taken our filthy rags upon himself on the cross, and through baptism and faith, robes us in righteousness. In his faithfulness God no longer remembers our sins, but gives us grace and strength, so that we may be blameless on the day of the Lord.

So, as a called and ordained servant of the word, I announce the grace of God to you.
On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command,
I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe,
in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Peace be with you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADVENT KYRIE - TIS 736

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison,
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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THE GREETING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray that we remain alert for the coming of the Lord.
Jesus, Son of God, you have promised to return at a time that no one knows. Keep us watchful in prayer and strong in faith as we wait for you to come. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

Kids Blessings:
May God go with you,
fill your hearts with joy,
and help you grow in His love today. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9 Open the heavens and come down

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have deliveredus into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord **(Cong) Thanks be to God**

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19
Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.

THE SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 As you wait for Christ's return
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God
that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you
are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom
you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia Verse
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus said: Heaven and earth will pass away: but my words will not pass away
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Mark 13:24-37 No one knows the day or the hour

The Holy Gospel according to Mark Chapter 13.
(Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Peter, James, John, and Andrew:
24 "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **(Cong) Praise to you O Christ**

THE ADDRESS **Wake Up!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN Yet not I but through Christ in me

**1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace**

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
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THE OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help us always to remember that Christ has promised to return. Keep us faithful to him, doing the work you have given us to do, until he comes to take us to himself. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
It is indeed right and good,
Lord God, holy Father,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
You fulfilled your promise to comfort your people
by sending Jesus the Redeemer,
and to make all things new through him
when he comes to judge the world
and set it right.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we adore and praise your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – responsive **Cantor**
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might.
God of power, God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is he,
Blessed, blessed is he,
he who comes in the Lord's name.
he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest,
hosanna,
hosanna.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD
Lamb of God, ***Lamb of God,***
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
(repeat)

Lamb of God, ***Lamb of God,***
You take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace. ***grant us peace.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
God warmly invites you to His table.

DISTRIBUTION
Choir: BACH Arr Collyer - Rise my soul to watch and pray

Rise my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'er taken;
For our foe, well we know,
Is his harvest reaping
while the saints are sleeping.

But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
and forever love Him.

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The heavens shall declare 731 LHS
The heavens shall declare
the glory of His name
All creation bows
at the coming of the King
Every eye shall see,
every heart will know
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
See the coming of the King,
holy is the Lord.

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THE DISMISSAL

The body of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
And his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal.
Go in peace † **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING SONG

1. Now, Lord, you let your servant go
In peace, according to your word,
For I have seen your saving love,
Which you have shown to all of us.

2. For your salvation now is seen
By all the nations of the earth
A light to show your way to all,
For glory to your chosen race.

3. All praise to God the Father now,
All praise to Jesus Christ the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit praise
Both now and evermore. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have fed us with this promise of salvation. We pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another, so that we may be ready for Jesus' appearing in glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,+ and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSION

Now it is time to wake up from your sleep,
for the night is nearly over and the day is almost here.
Now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed,
for the night is nearly over.
Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
for the day is almost here.
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and pay no attention to your sinful nature,
for the night is nearly over and the day is almost here.
Go in peace, waiting with confidence for our Lord's return.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG TIS 273 Lo He comes with clouds descending

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the sound of this refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him
robed in awesome majesty;
those who have betrayed and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply shamed before him,
deeply shamed before him,
deeply shamed before him
shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Sing Amen! let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for your own;
O come quickly, O come quickly,
O come quickly;
hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

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