



# *St. Anne's Church, Chingford*

## **Advent 4 - 19th December 2021**

### **Informal Eucharist 10.00**

**Welcomers:**

Anthony Sullivan, Rosalind Tatam

**Server:**

Alan Pearson

**Lessons:**

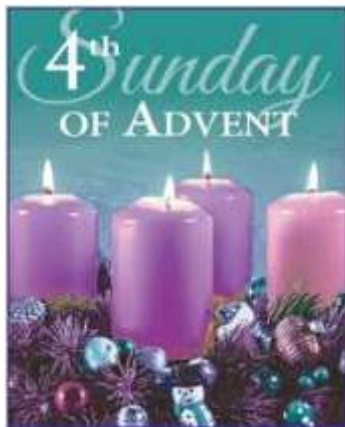
Otis Griffin

**Celebrant:**

Mick Scotchmer

**Music:**

Peter Stannard



*The Advent Candle is then lit and we sing the Advent Carol.*

The Holly and the Ivy  
Are dancing in a ring,  
Round the pink and purple candles,  
And the white and shining King

***This  
week***

Today		17.30	Carol Service
Wednesday	22nd December	10.30	Christingle Making
Friday	24th December	10.00	<b><u>No Service</u></b>
		16.30	Christingle
		23.30	Midnight Mass
Saturday	25th December	10.00	Christmas Eucharist
Sunday	26th December	10.00	Parish Eucharist

And one for God's people  
In every age and day  
We are watching for his coming  
We believe and we obey

O, two is for the Prophets  
And for the light they bring  
They are Candles in the darkness  
All alight for Christ the King

And three for John the Baptist  
He call on us to sing  
'O prepare the way for Jesus Christ  
He is coming, Christ the King

And four for Mother Mary  
The Queen of Heaven proclaimed  
Our most highly favoured Lady  
We magnify your name

**HYMN**      535 O come, O come Emmanuel

### **GATHERING**

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess before God that we have sinned. We ask for forgiveness.

In the wilderness we find your grace;  
you love us with an everlasting love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

restore us and we shall know your joy.

**Lord, have mercy**

May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Thanks be to God Amen.**

In a time of silence,

let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who

has created all things.

### **COLLECT**

God our redeemer,

who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,

so we may be ready to greet him

when he comes again as our judge;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



**FIRST READING** Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people:

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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;

<sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**HYMN** 288 Hark, the glad sound!



## **GOSPEL**      Luke 1 39-45

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,  
<sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ .**

## **REFLECTION**

**HYMN**      652 Seek ye first

## **PRAYER OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us**

For peace in the world ...

that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer...

for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and  
protected,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...

let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,  
in your love and goodness  
you have taught us to come close to you  
in penitence  
with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline,  
and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

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.**

**HYMN**      194 For Mary, mother of our Lord

*During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table*

**As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

**Amen.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

**Listen, and we will hear.**

And now we give you thanks  
because you have revealed the glory of your eternal fellowship  
of love with your Son and with the Holy Spirit,  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,  
yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.  
You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and praise you:



We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Why do we share this bread and wine?

**Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

**Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Anne, St Andrew and St Edmund and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray:

**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 for ever. Amen**

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your Peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*Distribution of Holy Communion*

*Silence is kept.*

## POST COMMUNION

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*

## DISMISSAL

‘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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN**      692 Tell out my soul





NEWSP

*We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens .*

**Retiring Collection**—We shall be taking a retiring collection after our services today in aid of the Christian Aid DEC Afghanistan Crisis Appeal.

**Face Covering**—Following the change in government regulations we are now required to wear face coverings while in church. You may remove them while singing if you wish and while reading lessons and leading intercessions.

**Christmas Greetings**—We are providing our “post office” at the back of church this year for those who wish to send Christmas cards to other members of the congregation. Please check for cards sent to you. For those who do not wish to send cards there will be a general “card” on the whiteboard where you can send a message to the St Anne's congregation and donate the money saved to Christian Aid.

**Christingle Making**— We will be running our usual production line to make this years Christingles at 10.30am on Wednesday 22nd December. If you can help please join us.

**Rotas**—The rotas for Feb to April 2022 will soon be prepared. If you are on the rotas please let Mick know af any dates you will not be available.

#### FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for December: 1st Violet Tattersfield, 2nd Arthur Toms, 5th Doris Acons, 6th Michael Barwick, 7th Eileen Sellwood, David Lovitt, 8th Hans Larsen, 9th Anne Jones, 10th Arthur Hughes, 12th Kathryn Anderson, 13th Joyce Sullivan, 15th Elizabeth Salen, 16th Nellie Thacker, 18th Sheila Birchnall, 19th Winifred White, Vera Humphreys, 21st Florence Palmer, 22nd Beryl Banks, 23rd Grace Skeggs, 24th Arthur Langsdon, 25th Gill Head, 26th Allan Taylor, 27th Alfred Salen, Les Acklam, 29th Edward Gooch, 30th David Anderson, Joan Trapnell, 31st Mavis Symonds.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them,  
may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen*