

St Andrew's, Chesterton

All-Age Communion

19 November 2023

Second Sunday before Advent

We are welcomed

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

The service is introduced.

We sing

(Sung to the tune of Angels from the realms of glory)

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth nor thee.

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We say sorry

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:
**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We receive God's forgiveness

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Refrain:

To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
[Refrain]

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
[Refrain]

The Collect

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who

sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Song of response

1. I will worship (I will worship)
with all of my heart (with all of my heart).
I will praise you (I will praise you)
with all of my strength (all my strength).
I will seek you (I will seek you)
all of my days (all of my days).
I will follow (I will follow)
all of your ways (all your ways).

*I will give you all my worship,
I will give you all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
you alone are worthy of my praise.*

2. I will bow down (I will bow down),
hail you as King (hail you as King).
I will serve you (I will serve you),
give you everything (give you everything).
I will lift up (I will lift up)
my eyes to your throne (my eyes to your throne).
I will trust you (I will trust you),
I will trust you alone (trust in you alone).

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We affirm our faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



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Offertory Hymn

1. Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.
2. Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.
3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
4. Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.
5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet
let it still be me.

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Eucharistic Prayer

In the following Eucharistic Prayer, the responses include children repeating a word by the President, then everyone repeating the children. See where indicated.

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

President: Holy

Children: Holy
Everyone: Holy

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

President: Holy
Children: Holy
Everyone: Holy

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

President: Holy
Children: Holy
**Everyone: 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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

President: Amen
Children: Amen
Everyone: Amen

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

President: Amen

Children: Amen

Everyone: Amen

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

President: Amen

Children: Amen

Everyone: Amen

We kneel and keep a moment's silence

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts

for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. Visitors who
are communicant members of their home churches are
welcome to receive communion at St Andrew's. If you would
prefer to receive a blessing instead, please signify this by
bringing your order of service with you.*

*There will be two communion stations – one at the Nave
altar (for receiving the bread dipped in the wine), and one at
the South Aisle altar (for receiving the bread and the wine
separately), and for kneeling – if that is your preference.*

Music during Communion

“My Eyes for Beauty Pine” by Herbert Howells (1892-
1983).

We pray after Communion

**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.**

We share news

We sing

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art ;
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord ;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son ;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight ;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might ;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower :
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise :
be thou mine inheritance now and always ;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart ;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won ;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

*We very much hope you have enjoyed joining us for worship
at St Andrew's Chesterton this morning. If you are new or
visiting, please do introduce yourself and stay for
refreshments in the St Andrew's Hall, behind the church.*

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