

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 6th December 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Introduction and opening prayer

Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you.

Amen.



The lighting of the Advent candles

As we light our second Advent candle Annie sings:

Come now O prince of peace,
make us one body
Come O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

Come now O God of love,
make us one body
Come O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

Hymn: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh:
awake and listen for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Let every heart be cleansed from sin,
make straight the way for God within,
and so prepare to be the home
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward

without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick, stretch out your hand,
and make the fallen sinner stand;
shine out, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 To you, O Christ, all praises be,
whose advent sets your people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore!

Prayer of Penitence *(a time to say sorry to God)*

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Christ came in humility to share our lives: forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ came with good news for all people: forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering: forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy

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Absolution

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Almighty God purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again, as Judge and Saviour, we may be ready to receive him who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reflection

Hymn A great and mighty wonder

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure,
the Virgin bears the Infant
with virgin-honour pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high.
And Cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky.
Refrain
- 3 Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the Infant born in Bethl'em,
the Saviour and the Lord.
Refrain
- 4 And idol forms shall perish,
and error shall decay,
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,
our Lord and God for ay.
Refrain

The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust 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.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We share the 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: Hills of the North, rejoice

1 Hills of the North, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies;
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,

praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and all those you love today and always Amen

