

St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton

November 29, 2020: First Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymns: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People And also with you.

Officiant Almighty God,
All 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.

Trisagion

(Said three times)
Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious
majesty to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

READER:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

READER:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. (Isaiah 9: 2)

READER:

We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people for a Saviour who will bring us freedom and peace. This hope was promised by the Prophets of the Old Testament, who shared their vision of justice coming to the earth by the mighty acts of God.

The first candle is lit.

READER: Let us pray.

Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus. May he kindle in us the light of His love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth.

ALL: Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

READER:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

READER:

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins", he said, "because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert. Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for Him to travel." (Matthew 3: 1-3)

READER:

We light this candle to remind us of the prophets, John the Baptist, who called all people to prepare the coming of the Messiah. He asked us all to search our own hearts, and rid ourselves of the dark things that keep us from God and from each other.

The second candle is lit.

READER: Let us pray.

Father, you sent us John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Messiah. Help us to prepare our hearts for Christ to be born in them, and to prepare our world for Christ to come and restore the kingdom.

ALL: Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

READER:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

READER:

The Sovereign Lord has filled me with His spirit. He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save His people. (Isaiah 61: 1-2)

READER:

We light this candle to remind us of our task in preparing our world for the coming of the Messiah. We are also called to be prophets who will relieve suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

The third candle is lit.

READER: Let us pray.

Father, you have called us to share in Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim your word in all that we say and do, until your kingdom comes upon the earth.

ALL: Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

READER:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

READER:

The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make Him a King, as his ancestor David was and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end! (Luke 1: 30-33)

READER:

We light this candle to remind us of Mary who was willing, first of all people, to let the light of the Lord shine through her and bring the Saviour to the world. Because of her faithfulness and love, Jesus, the Messiah, was born.

The fourth candle is lit.

READER: Let us pray.

Father, you have called Mary to be the mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your kingdom.

ALL: Amen.

YEAR B FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

1 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 delivered us 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. ISAIAH 64:1-9

PSALM

Refrain Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R** 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

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 spiritual 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 him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus said, 24 "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 his 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." MARK 13:24-37

Prayer over the gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of Man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Sermon

Hymn for Reflection: *People, Look East*

The Nicene Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer,
saying, “Lord Jesus, come soon!”)

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over
all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to
live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to
Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on
Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations,
all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will
summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open
and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free
the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun
of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:
Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save
the creature you fashioned from clay.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and
save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All 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.

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Officiant God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Doxology

Officiant 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.

The Blessing

Officiant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the
days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always.
People Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant Let us go in to the world to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*