

***St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton***

***December 20, 2020: Fourth 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.  
Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,  
now fill us with your grace,  
that we in all things may embrace your will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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.



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**COLLECT:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL**

1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. 2  
SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

**PSALM**

*Refrain* **I will keep my love for him for ever.** 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness. 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **R** 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant: 4 'I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'" **R** 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people. 20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. **R** 21 My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong. 22 No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down. **R** 23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my name. **R** 25 I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River. 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"  
**R** PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE  
ROMANS**

25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. ROMANS 16:25–27

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE**

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. LUKE 1:26–38

**Prayer over the gifts:** Gracious God, may the power of the Holy Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

**Prayer after Communion:** Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Sermon

**Hymn for Reflection:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

## 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: *Of The Father's Love Begotten***

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Officiant* Gracious God,  
by the power of the Spirit  
who sanctified the mother of your Son,  
make holy all we offer you this day.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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:** *Tell Out, My Soul*