

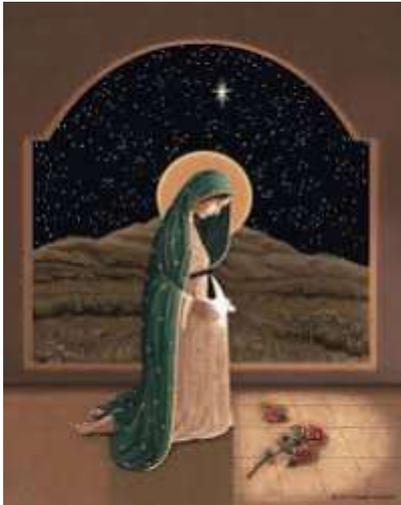


St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Informal Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Anthony Sullivan, Ros Tatam
Server: Philip Hallsworth
Chalice: Lindsey Archer
Lessons: Ros Tatam
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music: Peter Stannard



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent



'We must not seek the child Jesus in the pretty figures of our Christmas cribs. We must seek him among the undernourished children who have gone to bed with nothing to eat'

St. Oscar Romero

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| <i>This week</i> | Today | 18th Dec | 17.30 | Carol service |
| | Friday | 23rd Dec | 10.00 | Eucharist (followed by Christingle making) |
| | Saturday | 24th Dec | 16.30 | Christingle |
| | | | 23.30 | Midnight Eucharist |
| | Sunday | 25th Dec | 10.00 | Christmas Eucharist |

GATHERING

*Please note that bold type denotes responses said or sung by all.
Before the service begins the leader will introduce the service and ask
for a moment of prayerful silence.*

*Please then stand while the ministers process in in silence. 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**

**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 calls 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**



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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen.

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,

Amen

FIRST READING Romans 1.1-7

The New Testament reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. 5Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, 6including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN 699 The Advent of our King

GOSPEL Gospel Matthew 1.18-25

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his

people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

HYMN 383

Jesus good above all other,

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

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Community as Lord and brother. We pray for mother earth. Turn the hearts of the powerful and wealthy to the common good of all and to care for and repair the damage done to our common home. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all affected by and suffering from human cruelty. We hold before you places of injustice and violence, of conflict, death and torture. Turn all hearts to the message of the angels: Peace on earth and goodwill to all. Remind those of ill will that one day, no matter how feared and powerful they may be now, they will stand before you in silent shame. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. We pray for the sick and we also pray for those who care for them, we pray for economic justice and fairness for all who work in health and social care provision. We hold in prayer those who are ill and known to us. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember with love and gratitude those we have known and see no more who now are alive in you. We also hold in prayer those who have died and have no one to remember and mourn them. We also remember those who lost their lives crossing the channel attempting to reach safety and sanctuary. In a moment of silence, we hold them in prayer before you.

(a moment of silence)

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Anne, Joachim, Joseph and Mary and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Silent prayer for our own intentions

SIGN OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

HYMN 451 Long ago prophets knew

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.

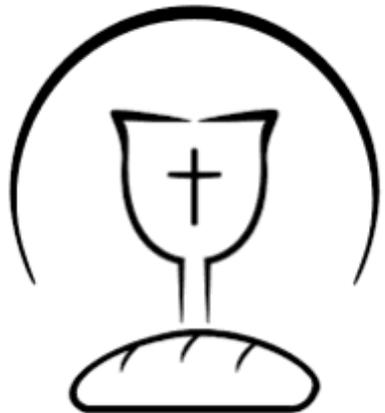
The Lord is here.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hosanna in the Highest'. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might'. The second staff continues with 'Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na Ho - sa - na Ho - san - na'. The third staff has 'in the high - est Bless - ed Bless - ed is he who comes comes in the'. The fourth staff reads 'name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na Ho-'. The fifth and final staff concludes with '- san - na Ho - san - na in the high - est'.

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Father of all, we give you thanks to
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you

and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and 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.

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

BLESSING

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 ...

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 692 Tell out my soul



*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 Lindsey Archer, Andy Crawford, or the church wardens .*

NEWS

Please, please...remember Eat or Heat donations are now more needed than ever. Particularly needed are toiletries: Razor blades, Deodorant, Shower Gel etc. As are children and toddler items for the suffering people of Ukraine. If you would like to bring children's and toddler's goods during the week. Please knock on vicarage door and someone will take them in. Thank you.

Christmas cards. There is a table at the back of church for the exchange of Christmas cards - and a board for cards addressed to the whole church for those who prefer to do that

Christingle Service. At 4.30 on Christmas Eve. Help most welcome with making the Christingles at 10.45 on Friday 23rd Dec, after the 10am communion

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*