



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Advent 3 Gaudete Sunday

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All age Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Velma Davis, Marcia Hall
Server: Julie Adesina
Chalice: Heather Gwynn, Alan Pearson
Lessons: Joy Ventour
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music: Peter Stannard



This week

Today	17th Dec	17.30	Carol service
Tuesday	19th Dec	11.00	Christingle and carols at Heathlands care home
Friday	22nd Dec	10.00	Eucharist (followed by Christingle making)
Sunday	24th Dec	10.00	Eucharist
		16.30	Christingle
		23.30	Midnight Eucharist
Monday	25th Dec	10.00	Christmas Eucharist

Ministers enter in silence and then the third Advent Candle will be lit.

HYMN 315 How beauteous are their feet,

GATHERING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Silence is kept.

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 for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed. I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,

so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN **364** **It is a thing most wonderful**

GOSPEL Gospel John 1. 5-8, 19-28

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

HYMN 262 **God's Spirit is in my heart**

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.

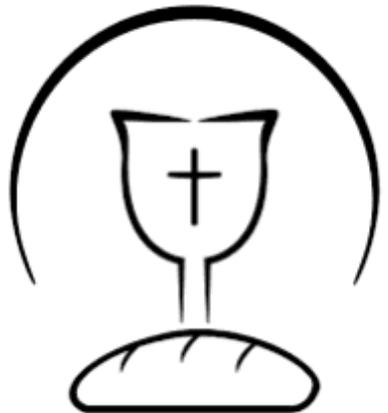
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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:



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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit

that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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

Eco thought for December

***'The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail
to take care of it?'***

HH Pope Francis

(from Laudate si)



We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way.



If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

Please, please...remember Eat or Heat and Ukraine donations are now more needed than ever.

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 22nd Dec, after the 10am communion.

Carols and Christingle at Heathlands care home—This coming Tuesday (19th) at 11.am all welcome—leaving the church at 10.45

Feb to April Rotas - Would those on the rotas please let Mick know of any dates you are not available from February to April.

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