



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday 6 December 2020

11.00 am

**ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER
BYWARD STREET, LONDON EC3R 5BJ
Shining Christ's light on Tower Hill since AD 675**

Welcome

to all who are joining us in church today or online via Zoom.

For those in church, we will be using the Lady Chapel and north aisle. Please help us all to 'pray safe' by following the Covid-19 guidelines by:

- * Keeping 2m apart.
- * Wearing a face covering, which is mandatory in places of worship.
- * Using the hand sanitiser on your way into and out of church, and at the table at the front before receiving communion.
- * Completing the Test and Trace contact details form on entry.
- * Sitting in the seats that are marked, with only one person in each short pew unless members of the same household.
- * Using the order of service already placed on your seat and taking this home with you.
- * Sharing the Peace in a non-contact way, such as with the British Sign Language (BSL) Sign.
- * Refraining from singing.
- * If you do not have cash for the plate collection please give using the QR code below or donate online at:
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Thank you.



Opening Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'Stuttgart' by Flor Peeters

Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

Sung by St Martin's Voices

**O come, O come Emmanuel,
redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone,
far from the face of God's dear son.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou branch of Jesse, draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save. Refrain**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright.
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb. Refrain**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key.
The royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain**

**O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain clothed in awe,
gavest thy folk the elder Law. Refrain**

Latin 13th century, translated by T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)
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Lighting of the Advent Candle

The second candle on the Advent wreath is lit and the following prayer is said:

People of God: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children.

All **Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make a path straight for him. Let us keep silence as we hold our lives open before God, asking for forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept.

All sing the **Kyrie responses**

Ky - ri - e el - ei - son. Ky - ri - e el -
- ei - son. Ky - ri - e el - ei - son.
Ky - ri - e el - ei - son.



Ghana

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your Kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Kyrie eleison ...**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy

All **Christe eleison ...**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy

All **Kyrie eleison ...**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our faults we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Read by Howard Redgwell

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Read by John Price

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

Bernadette Farrell

Prepare a way for the Lord, make God's pathway straight
And all the earth shall see the saving love of God.

All **Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**
Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

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 baptiser 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Ven Christopher Futchter, Archdeacon in Cyprus, Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

Apostles’ Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Kate Price

Lord in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

at the end:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to shine on 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.

All **And also with you.**

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

The Preparation of the Table

Let us prepare the way of the Lord.

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All
things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

The priest receives using the words 'The Body and Blood of Christ' and all say 'Amen'.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

**All Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

Communion will be administered in one kind in front of the altar. Please use the hand sanitiser provided if you wish to receive the bread, and form a line maintaining 2m distancing. Blessings can be given as the sign of the cross, though the priest will remain silent. Please return to your seat continuing to maintain physical distancing.

Music during Communion

A great and mighty wonder - St Germanus (634-734), Trans. JM Neale
Sung by Dorothy Risley

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you**

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgement and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Hymn

Sung by St Martin's Voices

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Editors of English Praise (1975)
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Notices

ADVENT RESOURCES

You are invited to explore the following online resources on your Advent Journey:

'**Comfort and Joy**' for Advent & Christmas from the Church of England, including a weekly reflection and daily reflections from Christmas Day to 2 Jan:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy>

CAFOD online Advent prayer calendar:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar>

Online Advent Retreat from the Jesuit community with Sacred Space

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-retreat-2020>

Waiting on the Word by Malcolm Guite - poetry from Advent to Epiphany:

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/blog/>

St Beunos Community online Advent resources:

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/advent-and-christmastide>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS



We are planning to hold our Christmas services in person at the church according to Covid-19 safe regulations, as well as online on Zoom.

As there will only be a limited number of people permitted in the church, you will need to reserve your places in advance. **Tickets are free but must be pre-booked.** Please contact Angie (parish@ahbtt.org.uk) ASAP if you would like to come in person (*no need to book if attending online*), indicating which service you wish to attend. If we are oversubscribed we will operate a waiting list, so please make sure you let us know if you find that you can no longer attend. The services are:

Sunday 13 December, 4pm:	Lessons and Carols
Thursday 17 December, 6.30pm:	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 23 December, 6pm:	Taizé at the Crib (<i>on Zoom only</i>)
Thursday 24 December, 11.30pm:	Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December, 11am:	Christmas Day Eucharist

Notices

PLANNING A GREEN CHRISTMAS - Sunday 6 December, 12.30-1pm

How can we celebrate Christmas without it costing the Earth? Join us for a short, fun session after the service today with ideas for eco-friendly gift wrap and decorations, re-usable Advent calendars, alternatives to shop-bought presents, delicious recipes for using up leftovers etc. Did you know you can rent a live Christmas tree, or use an app to donate surplus food to local people in need? Join us on Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587100247?pwd=QWYrbTdtaytiWjZPcIJHRWsrN0Vudz09>
Meeting ID: 875 8710 0247 Passcode: 679378 Dial in: 0203 481 5240

TOWER HAMLETS FOOD BANK - FIRST LOVE FOUNDATION

Whilst living through the pandemic has been a challenge for most of us, it has been a devastating time for those who were already struggling financially and have been pushed further below the breadline. This Christmas period is likely to be the hardest yet as many people struggle with the financial and emotional pressure of Christmas. First Love provide advice, support and emergency food to those who are struggling, so they can get the help they desperately require. We cannot receive donations of food at this time, but please do continue to support them financially by making a donation online: <https://firstlovefoundation.enthuse.com/cf/winter-fundraiser-2020>

RAISE FUNDS FOR ALL HALLOWS WHILE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Turn your online shopping into donations by using Easyfundraising when you shop. Just sign up as a supporter at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ahbtt and then go to the Easyfundraising website first each time you shop online. If you use the links on their website to browse for your favourite shops each time, rather than going directly to the retailer, they will make a donation to the church whenever you place an order, at no extra cost to you

STUDY COURSE - MISSIONARY JOURNEYS, MISSIONARY CHURCH Sundays 3 & 10 January at 12.30pm,

Our study course will resume in the new year, as we look at the journeys of Paul and his companions using the book 'Missionary Journeys, Missionary Church' by Steven Croft. If you haven't already done so, please buy a copy of the book (available on Amazon) and join us on Zoom - log in details will be given nearer the time.

GIVING TO ALL HALLOWS

Our regular income has been significantly reduced because of the pandemic and we are relying on your support to help us at this challenging time. You can donate by credit card using this QR code on your phone or at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate. You can also pay by bank transfer (email parish@ahbtt.org.uk for details) or by sending a cheque to the church office. Thank you.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday-Friday: 11.00am-2.00pm

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 1.00pm-5.00pm (*after the Eucharist*)

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REGULAR SERVICES

The All Hallows community is meeting in person and online during the Coronavirus pandemic. We look forward to welcoming you at our services.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST at 11am

We hold a Eucharist Service each Sunday at 11am in the church, and you can also join us online via Zoom.

ONLINE MORNING PRAYER

Wednesdays at 8.30am on Zoom

We meet online for Morning Prayer to enjoy a time of prayer and peace at the start of the day. The service lasts about 20 minutes and we use the 'Daily Prayer' app as we pray (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray).

ONLINE TAIZÉ SERVICE

Alternate Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom

We hold an online service of Taizé prayer every two weeks, with the music of the Taizé community, bible readings, prayers, reflections and silence. The next service is on Wednesday 9 December.

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You can find more details about our services on our website:

www.ahbtt.org.uk/online-worship

There are shortcuts to Zoom services and events in our weekly emails, but if you would like us to email a clickable link for a particular service, contact parish@ahbtt.org.uk

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WEEKLY EMAIL

Keep up to date with our news and events by signing up for our weekly email newsletter on our website. Just go to www.ahbtt.org.uk, enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click on 'Subscribe'.

THE TEAM AT ALL HALLOWS

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