



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



High Mass
The First Sunday of Advent
29th November 2020 10am

Communion Service (NEH542)

John Merbecke (1510–1585)

The Gathering

The Organ plays as the sacred ministers and altar party enter

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

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

We are invited to confess our sins

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.

Silence is kept.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

The president says the absolution

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to 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 the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We *SIT* for the readings.

read by Nicholas Bucknall

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
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!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

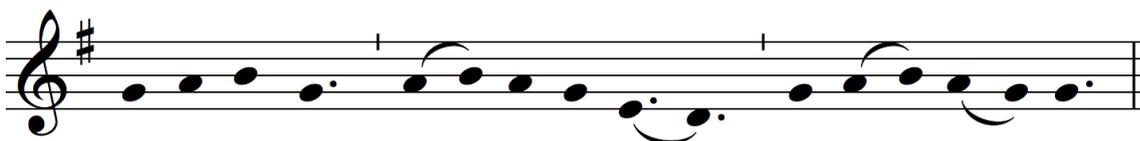
Corinthians 1.3–9

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

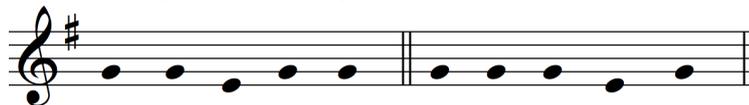
The choir sings the verse, and we repeat the Alleluia.



Al-le-lu - ia, * al - le-lu-ia, _ al - le - lu - ia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the sal-va-tion of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



The Lord be with you **and al - so with you.**



Hear the Gospel of our Lord **to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus Christ according

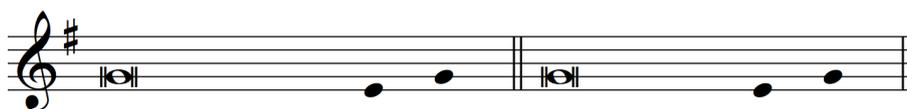
But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. 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.

‘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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 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. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Mark 13. 24–end



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon
Fr John Pritchard

We SIT. The sermon is followed by an organ reflection.

Gottes Sohn ist kommen.

JS Bach
1685 - 1750

We STAND.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
Only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds.
God of God, light of light, Very God of very God.
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father:
by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven.
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary:
And was made man.
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate:
suffered, and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures.
And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father
And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead:
His kingdom shall have no end.

And (I believe in) the Holy Ghost, Lord and giver of life:
Who proceedeth from the Father and Son.
Who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified:
Who spake by the Prophets.

And in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We **KNEEL** or **SIT** to pray.

The president introduces the prayers

led by Bob Atkinson

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

This response is used

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

At the end

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

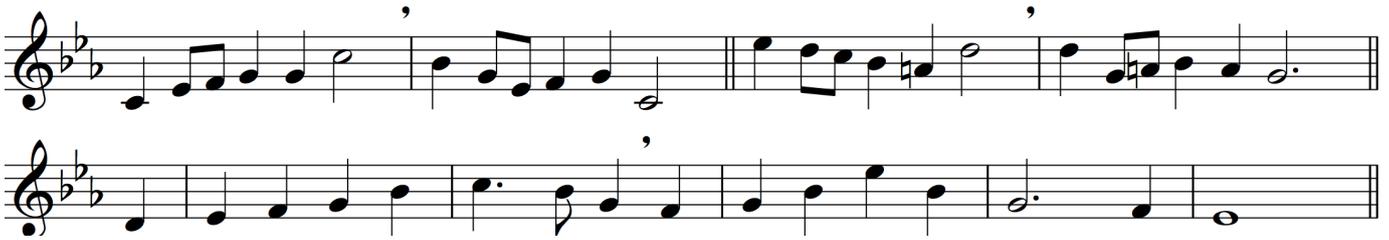
The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

NEH 7



**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.**

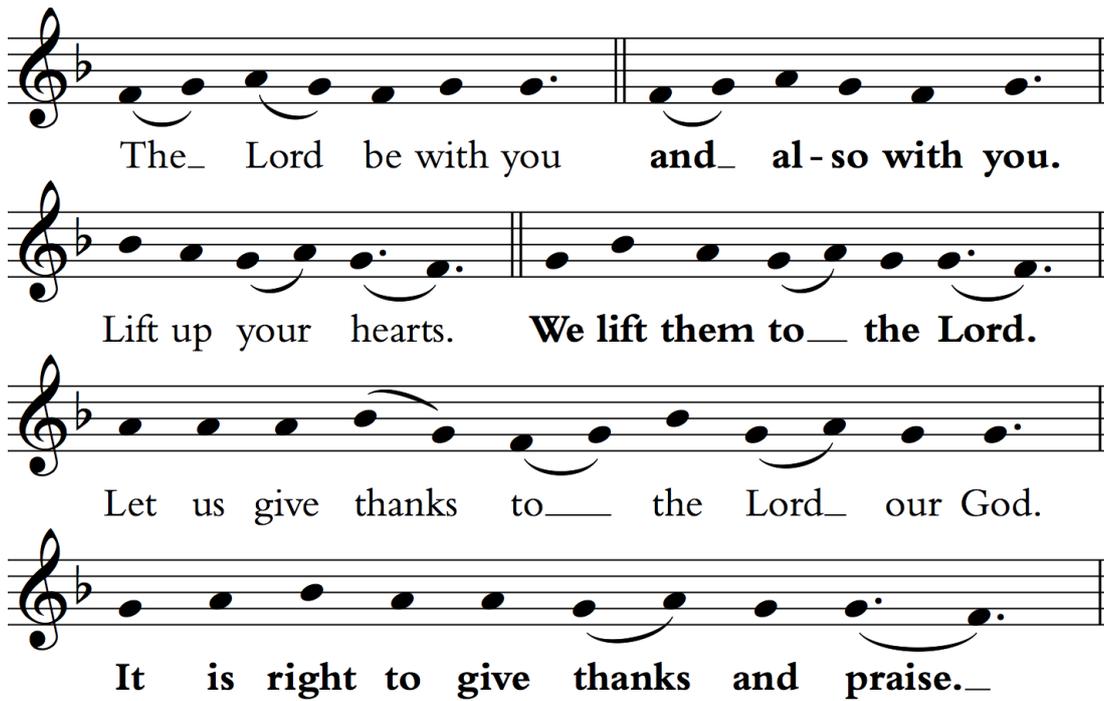
The following prayers are said

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The_ Lord be with you and_ al- so with you.

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._

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 singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

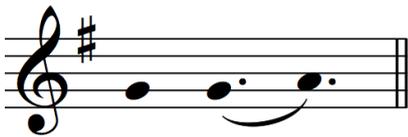
Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with Our Lady Mary, John the Evangelist,
Alban the Martyr and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.



A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. Amen

The choir sing the Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us they
peace.

During the distribution of communion, the choir sings the Advent Prose.

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Drop down, ye hea-vens, from a - bove, —^{*}
and let the skies pour down right- eous - ness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

Isaiah 64.9–11a

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us
away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

cf. Isaiah 64.5b,6

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

*cf. Isaiah
43.10a,11,13b*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:

*cf. Isaiah 40.1; 46.13b;
44.22; 41.13b,14b*

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy
transgressions:
fear not, for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Plainsong, Mode i

Rorate caeli
refrain from Isaiah 45.8a

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

Notices may be given and Banns of Marriage read.

The Sending Out

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*We remain **STANDING** to sing*

NEH 9



**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture**

gaze we on those glorious scars!
**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory:
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 O come quickly!
 Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!**

'Helmsley'
 Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-99)
 included in Wesley's Select Hymns (1765)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)
altered

Devotions after Mass

A&M 85



**The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
 his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
 most highly favoured lady.'**
Gloria!

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
You shall bring forth a son and call his name Jesus.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

JSBach
1685 - 1750

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbp; Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Jennifer Penny, Pat Parker, James Delaney, Nathan Tulip,
Neville & Celeste Prinsloo, Roy Rae, Robbie Middleton, Christopher
Love, David Ogundeji, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland, Simon Gabe,
Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper,
Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Janet Kempson, Philippa Pearce,
Alison O'Melia, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou, Alan Driedger,
June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Pamela Lerwill and Terry Paxton

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

Constance Jones, May Cooke, Geoffrey Bartlett, Dorine Pentecost,
Donald Cadzow, Emily Butt, Brian Bloxham, Anne Oxenham, Kate
Kemp, Caroline Ainger, Sidney Ellis, Isabel Wride, Lucy Dean,
Philip Riches, Andrew Perry-McAlpine

NOTICES

APCM: is rescheduled and a new date will be circulated in due course
Advent Carol Service, 29th November, 6pm: this will be **online only**,
broadcast on our Facebook page and afterwards on YouTube
Andrew the Apostle, 30th November, 10am: a Parish Mass will be

broadcast on Zoom - details will be sent out next week

Advent Course, Wednesdays from 2 December, 7pm: this year's Advent Course will take place on Zoom on 2, 9, 16 and 23 December at 7pm. The theme will be "hope", following our Black Lives Matter theme. We find it difficult to talk about race because it is so firmly embedded in our western, European culture. In our Advent course we will look at some of the issues, in the hope we will all be able to better understand each other. What is race? Is there such a thing? What does the Bible say about it and about slavery?

Christmas events: please see the website for details of Christmas events. You will need to pre-book for these events and numbers will be strictly limited in order to comply with Covid-19 regulations.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday

10am High Mass (St Andrew)

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday

10am Low Mass (*on Zoom*)

7pm ADVENT COURSE (*on Zoom*)

Saturday

10am Low Mass (*on Zoom*)

Next Sunday, 6th December (Second Sunday of Advent)

10am Parish Mass **in person and Facebook**

6pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

*For an invitation to the Christian Meditation, contact Fr Tom
(hurcomt@aol.com).*

*An invitation to the Low Mass on Wednesday and Saturday will be circulated to all those who receive the parish email on the afternoon of the day before. If you do not receive it, please contact
sjunoffice@gmail.com.*

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