



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



High Mass

The Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November 2020

10am

The Gathering

The Organ plays during which the 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.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The president says

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

We say

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Read by Natalie Crooks

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look
upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

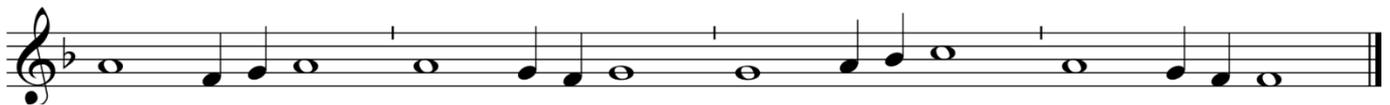
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Cantor leads us in the Psalm

Psalm 70



O Lord, make haste to help me.

- 1 O God, make | speed to save me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life
be put to shame | and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced who | wish me evil. **R**
- 2 Let those who mock | and deride me
turn back because | of their shame.
But let all who seek you rejoice | and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great | is the Lord!' **R**
- 3 As for me, I am | poor and needy;
come to me quick-|ly, O God.
You are my help and | my deliverer;
O Lord, do | not delay. **R**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Read by Fr Myles Owen

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will

be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4. 13–end

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

*We **STAND** to say the acclamation to welcome the Gospel.*

We turn to face the Book of the Gospels, as Christ speaks to his people.

Alleluia, **Alleluia** Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; to him be glory and power for ev-er and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25.1–13

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon
Fr Andrew Wilson
Honorary Assistant Priest

The sermon is followed by a short time for reflection.

We STAND.

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

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

*We **KNEEL** or **SIT** to pray. The president introduces the prayers*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Led by Bernie Williams

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

At the end

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*We **STAND**. The president introduces the Peace*

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

The president takes the bread and wine and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.**

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also 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, our duty and our joy
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and saying

The Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.**

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. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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.**

**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.**

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

Litany to the Holy Spirit

In the hour of my distress
when temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomfited,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep,
And the world is drowned with sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep:
Sweet Spirit, comfort me, comfort me!

Peter Hurford b 1930

Robert Herrick 1590 -1674

Prayer after Communion

We STAND

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop;
and Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

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, Oliver Stubbs, and Terry Paxton

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

Florence Morton, Janice Walter, Carolyn Bodle, *Benefactor*, Edward Caley, Rosetta Lane, Gladys Diver, Catherine Pretty, Pamela Paul, Maria Nash, Winifred Foale, Lilian Hayes, Alice Mills, Ivan Madge, Richard Osmond,
George Foat, Mary Pontin

NOTICES

Coffee Concert, Saturday 7th November: This event is cancelled; it will be shown online, exact time to be confirmed.

Act of Remembrance, Wednesday 11th November, 11am: We will observe a two minute silence on Armistice Day at the War Memorial in the Calvary Garden. Please arrive by 10.55am to join us - masks should be worn

APCM: this will be rescheduled and a new date will be circulated in due course

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday

10am Low Mass *(on Zoom)*

Saturday

10am Low Mass *(on Zoom)*

Next Sunday, 15th November (Sunday Second before Advent)

10am Parish Mass *(on Facebook)*

*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
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