

WORSHIP - 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - 7 NOVEMBER 2021

*Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and Choral Evensong at St Edmund's at 6 pm.
Clive is leading the Zoom service and preaching - thank you.*

Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QQezNMfaL4>

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbziz>

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.

Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God in the highest.

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. Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

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.

New Testament lesson - Hebrews 9.24-28 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prEq8NOx3vs>

Gospel - Mark 1.14-20 - is printed on the blue noticessheet

Address - a sermon from Clive is on the website

The Nicene Creed

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.

Anthem - Touch the earth lightly - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQWuzKxLtlQ>

Our Zoom service is using a version by David Ogden, which doesn't seem to be on youtube. Here is another version.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God, whose kingdom drew close to the folk in Galilee in the person of your son, Jesus, help your Church today spread the message of that kingdom to a world that seems so far away from your kingdom values. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the kingdoms and nations of this world, some made to serve only the interests of their own rulers, others striving for power over their neighbours, many competing for scarce resources, all operating with imperfect systems and flawed leaders. We pray for all who work for co-operation between nations and between peoples, all who seek justice and mercy. We pray especially at this time for the Climate Change negotiations that there might be a coming together across the globe to protect and enhance our home for future generations. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own United Kingdom, for the Queen, and her ministers. We pray for a healing of divisions in our society, for a genuine sense that 'we are all in this together', for a willingness by the rich and strong to support the poor and weak, for a spirit of lovingkindness. We pray for our City of Derby and for our parishes and local communities. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember all those who feel separated from the kingdom of God, whether by want, fear or sickness, and we pray, in our hearts, for those known to us We remember all those who work to relieve the sufferings of others, those who staff the Food Banks, the people working in the care agencies, the medical staff in our hospitals and in our communities, the people who are good neighbours.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who mourn, for those at the point of death, and for those who have died and find themselves now in God's nearer presence in his kingdom, safe for eternity.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that we might feel, more and more, the closeness of the Kingdom of God, and, in that assurance, may face the challenges of life as his ambassadors. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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.

Hymn - Forth in the peace of Christ we go - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EljNURECLHg>

Sorry, I can't find a choral version!

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - Two part invention, number 2, C minor, BWV 773, J.S. Bach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrJ2KPqWx3U>

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