

**Sunday 28th November 2021**

**Advent Sunday**

**Reading 1:** Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 25 - 36

**Opening prayer:** (as we light the Advent Wreath)

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be King;  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.

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

**Psalm: 25 1 – 9**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**Song:** (*click link*) Everlasting God <https://youtu.be/Rk54OqoVMoY>

**Invitation to Confession:**

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.

**Confession:**

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion O Lord and grant us your salvation;  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near to those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Absolution:**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

**Reading 1:** Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

*This is the word of the Lord.        Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel:**     **Luke 21: 25 – 36**

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/MjwQhT9nxvE>

**Song:** (click link) *Waiting here for You* <https://youtu.be/3O6JIAKENk8>

*Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **The Creed**

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**

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our maker and redeemer.

That God may bring in His kingdom with justice and mercy,

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures  
and recognise him in our midst.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the broken-hearted,  
restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your only Son,**

**our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:**

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of your Holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:**

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  
and 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 forever. Amen.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves  
and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** *(click link)*

**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 of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Song: *(click link)* The Lion And The Lamb <https://youtu.be/h0U45AL9RWU>

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee  
and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*