

# Morning Worship Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

## Fourth Sunday before Advent

**Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 6: 1 - 9

**Gospel:** Mark 12: 28 - 34

### Proclamation:

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.  
Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness;

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Psalm: 119: 1 – 8

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways.  
<sup>4</sup> You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.  
<sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup> Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
<sup>7</sup> I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
<sup>8</sup> I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

**Song:** (*click link*) Heart of Worship <https://youtu.be/U5srTJT Nero>

### Invitation to Confession

What God has prepared for those who love Him,  
He has revealed to us through the Spirit;

for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord  
who has prepared good things for those who love Him.

**Confession:**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault  
in thought, and word, and deed  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.           Amen.

**Absolution:**

May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.    Amen.

**Reading 1:** Deuteronomy 6: 1 – 9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Gospel:       Mark 12: 28 – 34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered,

'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." <sup>31</sup> The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; <sup>33</sup> and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the gospel of the lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

**Song:** *(click link)*    Great are You Lord    <https://youtu.be/vQLMnPYoR9k>

**Talk:** *(click link)*    <https://youtu.be/n6GITw6qbR8>

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

### **The Creed**

Though He was divine,  
He did not cling to equality with God,  
But made Himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
He was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
And was obedient to death,  
Even the death of a cross.  
Therefore God has raised Him on high,  
And given Him the name above every name:  
That at the name of Jesus  
Every knee should bow,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.    Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession:**

*(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)*

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.  
You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,  
sight to the blind,  
freedom to captives  
and salvation to your people:

anoint us with your Spirit;  
rouse us to work in his name.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor  
and freedom to the oppressed.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world  
the good news of your healing love.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here  
for you to save your people.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Lord of the Church,  
**hear our prayer,**  
**and make us one in mind and heart**  
**to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect:**

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering; let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (click link)    Worth it All    <https://youtu.be/X-nbzm8DROw>

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless us and watch over us,

The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us

The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace.....

...and the blessing of God almighty

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

be with us, and all and those whom we love,

this day and always.        Amen

*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.*