



Parish Mass for Advent Sunday,  
10am, Sunday 29th November 2020



WELCOME!

St Werburgh's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England and is part of a fellowship of Anglican communities in Derwent, Chaddesden, Spondon and Wilmorton. Here we try to practise the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful, ordered worship and takes seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this community of healing. Our celebrant today is Fr Julian will celebrate and Rev Kate will preach.

You are warmly invited to bring your own bread and wine or food and drink to this online service where although separated physically we are one body.

*The Choir sing (AM 41):*

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.*

*Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, 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, with what rapture, with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!*

*Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.*

Welcome everyone.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Jesus asks us all to keep watch for him so that we will be ready when he comes.

Today we are going to think about how we can do that.

*The first candle is lit.*

Let us pray:

God of love, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready for when he comes again. **Amen.**

*The first reading.*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Since before time began no one has ever imagined, No ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who happily do what is right, who keep a good memory of the way you work. But how angry you've been with us! Keep in mind, please, we are your people - all of us. Your holy cities are all ghost towns: Zion's a ghost town, Jerusalem's a field of weeds. Our holy and beautiful Temple, which our ancestors filled with your praises, Was burned down by fire, all our lovely parks and gardens in ruins. In the face of all this, are you going to sit there unmoved, God? Aren't you going to say something? Haven't you made us miserable long enough?

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sing Psalm 80:*

*Let your face shine O God, that we might be saved.  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!  
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be  
angry with your people's prayers?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you O Lord.** (Mark 13: 24-end)

‘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.’

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

*The sermon.*

*After a time of silence we affirm our faith:*

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

*A time for our intercessions... which end with:*

**Loving God, meet us in this silence,  
hear our prayer and fill us with your love. Amen.**

His judgement is not vengeance, his peace is not false.

**And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*



*Come, Lord to a world of longing,  
listen to creation's cry.*

*Answer nature's deepest yearning,  
manifest God's reign.*

*Come Lord shining star of morning,  
rise up scatter death's dark shade.*

*Come Lord, mighty King eternal, Jesus, Emmanuel!*

*Take your stand on a lofty place, messenger of God,  
Shout a shout with a voice of joy, cast all fear aside.*

*Say to all in Jerusalem, the city of the Lord:*

*‘Look around you, the hour has come, see here is your God.’*

*See, he comes in pow'r and might, Master of all things,*

*See, the Lord of Victories, he the King of Kings.*

*Shepherd like he will feed his flock and take them to his arms,  
leading them to a place of rest, Saviour, King and God.*

*When all is ready we are called to solemn 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.*

Mystery of winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to see your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light; for offering your word to take our mortal flesh. He was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith; we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to his coming among us and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of Power and God of might,  
heav'n and earth, heav'n and earth  
are full of your glory, your power and your might.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens*

*Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
blessed, blessed is he who comes.  
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. +

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. +

And so, all loving Creator, calling to mind Christ's death on the cross, Christ's perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in Christ's mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for Christ's coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your Commonwealth all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God, the patriarch and matriarchs of old and all your unlikely saints may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, God of all blessing, for ever and ever.

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens!*

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As our Saviour taught so we pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world  
happy 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.**

*As we come together online:*

Receive what you are, the body of Christ.

*Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, Bread of Life, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, Tree of Life, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us your peace.*

*Jesus, King of Kings, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us your peace.*

*Jesus, Fire of Love, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us your peace.*

*Jesus, Hope for All, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us your peace.*

*When all have received Holy Communion and the altar has been cleared we pray:*

**Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask his in his name. Amen.**

*The blessing:*

God be with you  
**and also with you.**

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgement and flame to our longing that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be among you this day and always. **Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*An organ voluntary follows.*