



**Advent 1**

**28 November 2021**

The Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper  
or  
Holy Communion according to  
the Book of Common Prayer

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**SETTING:** The Quiet Hour - George Oldroyd

**ORGAN SCHOLAR:** Stacey Yang

**PRELUDE:** Improvisation

## **ST MARK'S CHOIR**

**WELCOME** David Crain

### **HARK A HERALD VOICE IS CALLING**

*all stand*

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling:

'Christ is near' it seems to say;

'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
waken children of the day!'

2. Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon now from heav'n;  
let us meet him with repentance,  
pray that we may to be forgiv'n.

4. So when love comes forth in judgement,  
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,  
faithful may he find his servants  
watching till the dawn appear.

*Anon. tr Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil. Amen

## THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord.     Amen

## THE COMMANDMENTS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Choir:*

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

## THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT 1

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

## THE EPISTLE - THE BOOK OF RUTH 4:1-21

Greta Archbold

The passage appointed for the Epistle is written in the Book of Ruth chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the guardian-redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup> Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. <sup>3</sup> He then said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." <sup>6</sup> At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

<sup>7</sup> Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup> So when the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. <sup>9</sup> Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon

<sup>10</sup> I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." <sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; <sup>12</sup> and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without guardian-redeemer; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup> Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, <sup>19</sup> Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, <sup>20</sup> Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, <sup>21</sup> Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, <sup>22</sup> Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.  
Here endeth the Epistle

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Who is the Light of the world?

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**

**He has come in humility,**

**He will come again in glorious majesty.**

## COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*all stand*

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## THE GOSPEL

Geoffrey Gartner

The Holy Gospel is written in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 1 verses 1 to 5 and verse 17.

*Choir:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup> and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Choir:* Praise to thee, O Christ.

## **THE CREED**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**and of all things, visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of his Father before all worlds**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,**

**by whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man,**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,**

**and the third day he rose again**

**according to the Scriptures,**

**and ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.**

**And he shall come again with glory**

**to judge both the quick and the dead:**

**whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son together**

**is worshipped and glorified**

**who spake by the prophets.**



**And I believe one catholic and apostolic church  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **THE SERMON**

Tim Escott

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon earth; where rust and moth doth  
corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for  
yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth  
corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and  
steal. Matthew 6:19

All things come of thee, and of thine own do we give thee  
1 Chronicles 29:14

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and  
shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in  
him? 1 John 3:17

## **OFFERORY HYMN: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to the tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

3. O come, O key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free,  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save;  
and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

5. O come, O day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by your advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

*Anon. tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

## NOTICES

**GIVE**

### THE INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth. Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully (*to accept our alms and oblations, and*) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord: and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen*, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed:

and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments:

and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.   **Amen**

## **THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

## **THE CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness which we, from time to time  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly  
thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable;**

**Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.    Amen**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.                    **Amen**

### **THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you  
Matthew 11:28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16

Hear also what St Paul saith:

This is a true saying and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.    1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what St John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins    1 John 2:1-2

## THE PREFACE

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, (Holy Father) almighty, everlasting God.

*A seasonal preface will follow at Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee and singing:

*Choir:*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS.

**We do not presume  
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord.  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy: grant us  
therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen**

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;

here the priest is to take the paten into his hands

and, when he had given thanks, he brake it,

here the priest shall break the bread

and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat;

here the priest is to lay a hand on all the bread

this is my body which is given for you:

do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper he took the cup;

here the priest is to take the cup into his hands

and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying

Drink ye all of this;

here the priest lays a hand on every vessel with wine to be consecrated

for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,  
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.  
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee and  
be thankful.

### **COMMUNION MOTETS:**

#### **A TENDER SHOOT** - Advent Carol - Otto Goldsmidt

A tender shoot has started up  
From a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted  
From Jesse's holy race;  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.  
This shoot, Isaiah taught us,  
From Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing:  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

#### **DO NOT BE AFRAID** - Music by Philip Stopford.

Words by Gerard Markland.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.  
When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.  
When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.  
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.  
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Philip Stopford (1977- )*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name;  
thy kingdom come thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The priest says either the Prayer of Oblation or the Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

*The Prayer of Oblation*

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen**



### *The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

## **THE GLORIA**

*All stand. Choir sings*

GLORY be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good-will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you  
always. **Amen**

**POSTLUDE:** Sleepers Wake (Wachet Auf) BWV 645 - J.S.Bach

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We hope today's service was transformative for you. Join us next week  
as we begin a new series when Michael will preach - *Songs of the  
Coming King - Psalm 72.*

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### **OCTOBER 2021 OFFERTORIES**

Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD budget	Variance
\$26,620	\$28,458	\$348,720	\$348,580	\$140



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