16/11/25 - 2 Before Advent

GATHERING SONG Your Labour Is Not In Vain

Your labour is not in vain, though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same, but your labour is not in vain.

For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you. For I have called you, called you by name your labour is not in vain.

Your labour is not unknown, though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The place of your toil may not seem like a home, but your labour is not unknown.

Refrain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit, the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth, for all that is old will at last be made new; the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

Refrain

The houses you laboured to build, will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed, and all that is broken be healed.

ENTRANCE HYMN God Give Us Peace That Lasts

Stand

God, give us peace that lasts, not through the fear of might, but through the force of love, and love of life and right.
Where costly wars and weapons lure, show us, our Lord, among the poor.

God, give us hope that lasts, which makes of strangers guests, which startles hurt with hope, and for the weak protests.
What hate or guiltiness emboss, confront with Jesus and the cross.

God, give us hope that lasts, through passion and through pain, through danger, doubt and death, 'till life is raised again. When dread and pessimism loom, direct us to the empty tomb. And all these things we ask, in knowledge of Your grace, which gave the earth its birth, and bore a human face.
And with our prayers we give our word, to serve and follow Christ our Lord.

GREETING

 ★ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, You are gracious and compassionate:

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy, Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

Lord, You are loving to all:

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy, Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

Lord, Your faithful servants bless Your Name:

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy, Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You. We give you thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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. Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

Amen

FIRST READING:

Malachi 4.1-2a

Sit

The Sun of Righteousness Shall Rise, With Healing In Its Wings

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 98

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp

with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

SECOND READING:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Do Not Be Weary In Doing What Is Right

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21.5-19

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

'Not One Stone Will Be Left Upon Another'

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls'.

The Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY Sit

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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.

INTERCESSIONS

Stand

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

 Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins. but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: Father, We Adore You

Father, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you!

Jesus, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you!

Spirit, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we love you!

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

You can also donate using the card machine at the back if you'd prefer.

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OFFERTORY HYMN: Awake, Awake To Love And Work

Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky;
The fields are wet with diamond dew;
The worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life,
As He goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, Shout with their shout of praise; See how the giant sun soars up, Great lord of years and days! So let the love of Jesus come And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give, and give again, What God hath given thee; To spend thyself nor count the cost; To serve right gloriously The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be

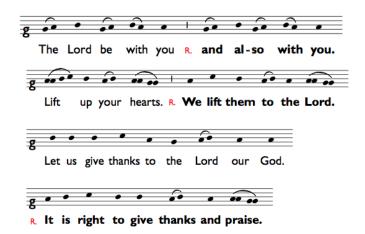
OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed, blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, O Lord, until You come again, until You come again.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer At the end all sing



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: 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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.

Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring your service sheet with you.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Sit

An Upper Room

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.

In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace, he loves beyond the uttermost: in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

COMMUNION HYMN: 346 Take My Life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

NOTICES

Sit

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

★May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 348 We Are Marching