



# All Saints Church, Hertford

## Family Eucharist for Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### *Welcome and Greeting* Rev Jo Loveridge

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### *Introit O Radiant Dawn – MacMillan*

Adult members of All Saints Choir Recorded in All Saints 1/11/2020

### *Preparing for the Word*

We worship with Christians near and far,  
living and departed, old and young.  
God's word is for all of us.  
**May it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

### *Opening Prayer*

Lord, speak to us  
**that we may hear your word.**  
Move among us  
**that we may behold your glory.**  
Receive our prayers  
**that we may learn to trust you. Amen.**

### *Praying for Ourselves*

*We sit or kneel*

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith

*cf Romans 6.4*

**Father,**  
**we have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**We are not worthy to be called your children.**  
**We turn to you again. Have mercy on us,**

**bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were lost  
but now are found through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The priest declares God's forgiveness***

We say together the ***Kyrie eleison:***

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

***The Collect, the prayer for the day, is said***

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

We sit for the ***Reading Isaiah 64.1-9*** Martin Bird.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
7 There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Reading* **Mark 13.24-37** Isabel Hurley

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

'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.**

*We sit for the* **Reflection** Rev Jo

*We stand for* **The Creed**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**      *Ephesians 3*

*We sit or kneel*

*Praying for others* Helen Harvey-Wright

***At the end the intercessor may say***

Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever. Amen**

## **Sharing Communion**

*We stand for **The Peace***

***After the introductory words***

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)***

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

*We sit or kneel*

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

*We say the **Sanctus***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*There may be a short period of silence*

*The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**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.  
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 for 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.**

We say the *Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.**

### *Giving of Communion*

#### *Adam lay y-bounden – Ord*

Choir of All Saints Hertford

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### *Post Communion Collect*

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*After Communion*

**Lord,  
we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Blessing*

***The president will use a seasonal blessing and we respond:***

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All* In the name of Christ. Amen.**