

**ALL THE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE
Advent 2/St Nicholas 6th December 2020
'Give and you will have riches in heaven.'**

We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering to worship God

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our father
All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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

Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.

The Paschal candle is lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God is like a light in our darkness.
All Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Prayer

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect

Confession

Let us remember that we often forget to love you God and love other people as we should and we say sorry.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:
**All 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 dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president declares God's forgiveness

Praise

Blessed is the Lord,
All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All and in our song will we praise our God.

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Reading Matthew 19.21-24 & Acts 20.35 Isabel

After the reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Response Bishop Soraia

Anthem/Hymn Good King Wenceslas arr Chilcott.

Recorded live during Service of Lessons and Carols 22nd December 2019

- 1 *All* Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.
- 2 *Men* 'Hither, page, and stand by me;
If thou know'st it, telling-
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?'
Ladies 'Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.'
- 3 *Men* 'Bring me flesh and bring me wine!
Bring me pine logs hither!
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear them thither.'
All Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.
- 4 *Ladies* 'Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.'
Men 'Mark my footsteps, good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.'
- 5 *All* In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Affirmation of Faith

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Let us declare our faith in God

All 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*

Prayers of Intercession Bishop Soraia

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Going out to serve God

Let us bless the Lord:

All thanks be to God.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Family Service St Nicholas Day 2020