



Service of Holy Communion

Advent I.

30th November 2025.

Let us gather for worship.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

Song:

Make way, make way,
for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates
and welcome Him into our lives.
*Make way, make way, for the King of Kings;
make way, make way, and let His kingdom in.*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear,
the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.
Make way, make way

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify.
Make way, make way

4. We call you now to worship Him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall!
Make way, make way

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your
holy name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord
God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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**

Let us hear God's word.

The collect. Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
That we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:36-44.

Glory to you O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him,
who brings good news, good news,
proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,
our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns,

2. You watchmen lift your voices as one,
Shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
your God reigns, your God reigns!
Your God reigns, your God reigns,
Your God reigns, your god reigns!

3. Waste place of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
we are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
your God reigns, your God reigns!
Your God reigns, your God reigns,
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:
your God reigns, your God reigns!
Your God reigns, your God reigns,
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

Talk.

Sharing our faith together.

**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**

Let us turn to God in prayer.

Prayers of intercession.

The peace.

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near

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

Song: Hail to the Lord's anointed,

great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captives free,
to take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in His sight.

3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy and hope like flowers,
spring in His path to birth:
before Him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill and valley flow..

4. Kings shall fall down before Him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
to Him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
His changeless name of Love.

Eucharistic prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is the living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you send upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and make us a people for your own possession.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember now his offering of himself made once upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and as we look for the coming of your kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith!

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Holy Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

**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 forever. Amen.**

Sharing communion together.

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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
we are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and that we may dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

Song during communion

Into the darkness of this world,
Into the shadows of the night;
Into the loveless place You came,
Lightened our burdens, eased our pain,
And made these hearts Your home.
Into the darkness once again –
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Come with Your love, to make us whole.
Come with your light to lead us on,
Driving the darkness far from our souls:
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

2. Into the longing of our souls.
Into these heavy hearts of stone,
Shine on us now Your piercing light,
Order our lives and souls aright,
By grace and love unknown,
Until in You our hearts unite –
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come
Come with Your love

O Holy child, Emmanuel,
Hope of the ages, God with us,
Visit again this broken place,
Till all the earth declares Your praise
And Your great mercies own.
Now let Your love be born in us,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.

(last chorus)
*Come in Your glory, take Your place,
Jesus, the name above all names,
We long to see You face to face,
O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Prayer after communion

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work for you praise
and glory. Amen**

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Song: The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at Thy behest;
to Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest

2. We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night,

3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

4. The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

5. So be it, Lord: Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Notices to take home Sunday 30th November

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44

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6pm. Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of loved ones.

Wednesday 3rd December. Holy Communion 10am at St Peter's

Sunday 7th December

9am Holy Communion. Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3: 1-12

10.30am Morning Worship. Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Matthew 3:1-12

Wednesday 10th December. Holy Communion 10am St Andrew's

CHRISTMAS FAYRE in St Peter's Centre

Saturday 6th of December from 10am

Something for all ages

Christmas stall Stocking fillers

Bottle stall Tombola

Cake and preserves stall Chocoholic game stall

Find Santa's treasure and more

REFRESHMENTS and RAFFLE

ADANCED NOTICE

10.30am December 14th Christingle Service a Family Service

Make a Christingle. Planned for children especially.

Black Country Food Bank

The needs of the Foodbank are:

Tinned meat, tinned potatoes or mash, tinned vegetables,

Gravy or packets of stuffing, cartons of milk, cordial or squash, coffee, tea bags, long life fruit juice, pasta sauce or cooking sauce, instant noodles, tinned chopped tomatoes, cereals, mince pies, Christmas puddings, tinned custard, savoury rice.

Shower gel, toilet rolls, roll on deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap.

Date for your diaries

Tuesday December 16th we have been invited by the Foley Arms to go Carol Singing there. Do come along and join in if you are able.
Time 7pm. More details later.

RISE COMMUNITY CHOIR

(Funded by UK Government)

Why not come and join this new choir to meet new people and have a good ole sing?

At Rufford Primary School every Thursday 2-3pm.

Free to attend, everyone welcome.

More information from Lisa on 07454314664