

**ST CUTHBERT'S  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLINTON**

**Advent**

**Sunday 28 November 2021**

**10.30am**



*Please stand as the clergy enters*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

THE PEACE

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of God's peace.*

*Please sit for the lighting of the Advent Candle*

Jesus said, 'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The candle/s are lit and this response is used -*

Jesus is the light of the world.

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

Let us pray:

*The Advent candle prayer is read.*

*Please stand to sing*

HYMN

*Numbers can be found on your pew sheet and hymn board*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We come before God who knows our secrets, our thoughts  
and our hearts to ask for forgiveness and peace.

*Please sit*

**Most loving God we confess that we have not loved in  
thought, word or deed. We have not loved you or our  
neighbours, or ourselves. We are sorry, and repent our  
hardness of heart. Forgive us, heal us and help us to abide  
in your love.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
restore us in faith, and bring us to eternal life, through  
Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and 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 this glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*

GRADUAL HYMN

*Please remain standing*

GOSPEL: Luke 21.25-36

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to Christ our Saviour. (Said)**

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord. *(Said)***

SERMON

*Please sit*

*(We pause to listen to a short piece of music for personal reflection)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please stand*

**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.**

*Please sit*

## INTERCESSIONS

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand to sing*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Please remain standing*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made;  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands;  
it will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.  
Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw  
the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate  
your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined,  
sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to  
come. Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold  
likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are  
transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*(Sung)*

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

**Blessed is he, O blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus, you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**We now obey your Son's command.**

**We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

**Made one with him,  
we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, St Cuthbert, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold 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.**

## COMMUNION

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God; you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## INVITATION

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and his blood, which was shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*(Music for the sharing of Communion)*

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to our gracious God  
**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

HYMN

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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# St Cuthbert's Notes

## 28 November 2021



### Hymns:

- 535 - O come, O come, Emmanuel
- 699 - The advent of our King
- 246 - God is working his purpose out (omit vv 2 & 4)
- 449 - Lo, he comes with clouds descending

### Readings:

Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36

### Services in Church:

#### Covid19 restrictions for November:

- Masks will continue to be worn in church, including when singing
- No social distancing, so you may sit anywhere  
(If you would prefer to continue to socially distance in church, please let us know in advance)
- Hymn books and reusable orders of service will be used
- Communion will be received at the altar (please be aware of those around you and only move forward when invited by the welcomer. We continue to receive the wafer only)
- Booking is no longer required to attend a service, however we still have to keep a record of those attending for 21 days following, so please make sure the welcomer takes your name on arrival.

#### Advent Carol Service:

This evening in church at 6pm.

Join us in singing the great Advent Carols. All welcome.

#### Charity Christmas Stockings:

June Bungay will be selling knitted Christmas Stockings in the hall after the 10.30am service today, with all proceeds going to Westerhailes Trinity Food Bank. The stockings are £1 each.



### **A 'New' Thursday Service – Thursday 2 December at 2.30pm:**

Please join us for this short informal service when Margaret, Caroline and Joan will take us on a 'Journey to Christmas'. There will be seasonal refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

### **Volunteers please!:**

Our monthly services are proving popular and the first time serving refreshments saw everyone staying and enjoying the hospitality and social time together. However, it also showed that organising and serving the refreshments was too much for one person, despite the brilliant achievement by Margaret Holmes. We actually need at least two people each month, so we are looking for volunteers please, to help on a rota basis, starting in December. Please let Rosemary Yeoman know as soon as possible if you are willing to help. December 2nd is only just around the corner! Thank you.

Margaret, Caroline and Joan

### **Art In Advent Talk: Tuesday 7 December @ 11am:**

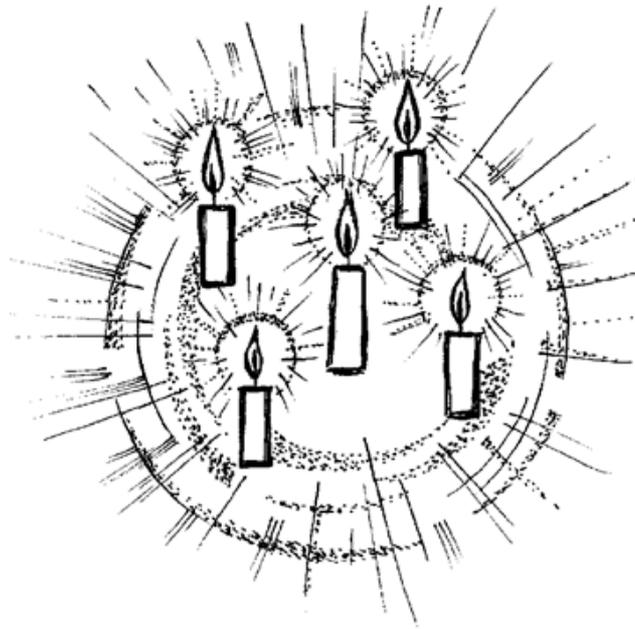
In Church – Revd Canon Dean Fostekew, the Bishop's Chaplain.  
Lorenzo Lotto's 'Annunciation'. All welcome.

### **Cards for Good Causes:**

Cards for Good Causes is selling charity Christmas cards on behalf of many local and national charities. We are based at St John's church on Princes Street, and our opening hours are 10:00 to 16:00 Monday to Saturday, apart from service times. We will be here till 18 December. Thank you.

### **Weekly Prayer:**

Dear God of love, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us to walk in that love during the weeks ahead as we wait and prepare for his coming. May we extend that love beyond our immediate families, trying to be aware of those less fortunate than ourselves. Amen.



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