

**The Parish of Cannock and Huntington**  
*Building Community with Christ at the Centre*

**Welcome to St. Luke's Church**



**Advent Holy Communion**

**Introduction to the Season**

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement.

Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice.

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

## Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our  
God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all  
your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these. On these  
two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

## Invitation to confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in  
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in that light, we confess our sins.

## Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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**O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Recording stopped***

*At the invitation to communion, it is recommended that only the bread that the president will receive be shown to the people*

*The President then says holding the ciborium's—lid's on—one with ordinary wafers & one with gluten free*

The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life

*Those intending to receive say **Amen***

*The President sanitizes their hands, puts on a mask and stands at the communion rail—nothing is said .*

*Please come up one at a time, respect social distancing rules. Sanitize your hands at the station at the front and stand to receive the wafer at a distance with your hands outstretched. Then return to your pew using the one way system. Gluten Free wafers are available but please come up after the other have received. **Please keep silent while others receive .***

*After the last person has received, the ciborium lids are replaced. Hands are sanitized and the mask removed. Recording restarted.*

**Post Communion Collect followed by**

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and 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.**

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.**

**The Collect**

**Reading**

*At the end the reader says*

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

**Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
**Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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;**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory, 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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Lord Jesus  
Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my  
prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your  
care. Amen.**

*The President receives communion then leads those who do not  
intend to receive Communion and those watching on line in these  
prayers*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with  
you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me  
in your care. Amen.**

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers may end with:*

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

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Week 1**

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

## Week 2

People of God: be glad!  
Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness  
and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore;  
for your God comes to save. You are God's children.  
**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

## Week 3

People of God: return!  
You are called to be God's own. From the mountains  
announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace, to  
all who follow his ways. You are God's children.  
**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

## Week 4

People of God: prepare! God, above all, maker of all, is one  
with us in Christ. Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God, the mighty God, bends down in love to earth.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

God with us, God beside us, comes soon to the world he has  
made.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We are God's children, we seek the coming Christ.  
Maranatha!  
**Come, Lord Jesus!**

## The Peace

*Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

## The Eucharistic 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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ  
your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in  
human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the  
foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.  
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for  
the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so  
we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the  
company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising  
you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**