

Parish Church of St Peter, Jersey



**Mass for
ADVENT FOUR
together with Newsletter 90
19 Dec 2021**

+ The Order for today's Mass

The Priest welcomes the People & announces the hymn.

Opening Hymn: 166 – For Mary, mother of the Lord

The Priest announces the Intention of the Mass and then says:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

*The Priest says the **Collect for Purity:***

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; 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**

Prayer of Confession:

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**

*The Priest pronounces **The Absolution:***

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 Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

The Collect for Advent 4:

O God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Micah 5.2-5a

5.2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace. *(pause)* This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 10.5-10

10.5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

8 When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *(Pause)*

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

Gradual Hymn: 612 – Tell out my soul

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.39-55

1.39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

46 And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'](*pause*)
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Intercessions

These are not printed out, so enjoy listening to the prayers for loved ones and make these prayers your own to God. The prayers end with:

And so we join our prayers to those of Blessed Mary and all the Saints, as we say: Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

(then, when the priest asks you to do so, give each other a wave and a smile)

Hymn after the Peace: 748 – Ye who own the faith of Jesus

The Great Thanksgiving:

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

*The priest then says the Proper preface, at the climax of which, all join in by saying (at 0800) or singing (at 1030) **The Sanctus:***

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

*The priest begins the **Prayer of Consecration**, in the middle of which he says:*

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

*The priest then completes the prayer, at the end of which all say: **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

The Fraction:

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

The Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The call to Holy Communion:

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

+All receive Communion in one kind only, namely the bread

Post Communion Hymn: 620 - The Angel Gabriel

Post Communion Collect:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

'Thank-you prayer' after receiving Communion:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of our Lord 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing followed by the Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn: 399 – Lo, he comes with clouds descending

The service ends -----

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Norman & Rozelle Alexander; Samantha Buckingham; Anne Corbet; Ed; Elis; Jo English; Donald English; Audrey Gem; Val Hammett; Gerald Harrison; Peter Heath; Lester Huelin; Jay; Jack Johns; Jimmy; Fr Tony Keogh; Stephan Mauger; David Payne; Norman Perree; John Le Riche; Riley; John Le Sueur.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED: Pauline Kay-Butler; Lea Vibert;

CHURCH OPEN week beginning 19 Dec, as follows:

Sun 19 Dec ADVENT 4: 0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass; Wed 1000 Mass with carols

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS:

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

10-1530 Bell ringing by ancient custom

1600 Family Crib Carol Service by Candlelight (45mins)

17-1800 Bell ringing by ancient custom

22-2300 Bell ringing by ancient custom

2315 Midnight Mass & Carols by Candlelight (60 mins)

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

0930-1030 Bell ring by ancient custom

1030 Family Mass with Carols (45 mins)

1130-1500 Bell ring by ancient custom

26 FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

1030 Sung Mass with Carols (30 mins) (no 0800)

2 Jan FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (observance)

0800 Mass; **0930 Epiphany Mass & Carols**

9 Jan PLOUGH SUNDAY

0800 Mass; 1030 Sung Mass with the Blessing of the Plough



TEAM for ADVENT 4 morning (19 Dec):

0800 Reader – Audrey L; **1030 Almoner** – Mary K; **Welcomer** – Jason L;

Lector – Geoffrey G; **Intercessor** – Daphne H; **Flowers** – None during Advent.

TEAM for CHRISTMAS EVE 1600 (24 Dec):

Almoner – Mary K; **Welcomer** – Christine C; **Lector** – None; **Flowers** – Flower Power/Pat S.

TEAM for CHRISTMAS EVE 2315 (24 Dec):

Almoner – Jean V; **Welcomer** – Doreen S-F; **Lector** – Jason L; **Flowers** – Flower Power/Pat S.

TEAM for CHRISTMAS DAY 1030 (25 Dec):

1030 Almoner – Mary K; **Welcomer** – Barry Q; **Lector** – Daphne H; **Flowers** – Flower Power

TEAM for FEAST OF ST STEPHEN 1030 (26 Dec):

1030 Welcomer – Fr Michael, plus anyone who wants to volunteer as Welcomer!

TEAM for 02 & 09 Jan 2022 TBA to be announced shortly in the new rota



HATS for SEAFARERS

Many thanks to those who, knitted hats for the Mission to Seafarers, to be given to those who work upon the seas: There were a selection of designs. If you know of anyone else who might like to do this work and you want me to send copies of the patterns on to them, please just let me know their address. 37 were gifted at the SEA SUNDAY MASS in the summer, by a number of industrious individuals. **The hats that came in totalled 58 and were blessed during the 1600 'Switching on the Lights on all the Trees Service' on 5 Dec, which was on the Eve of the Feast of St Nicholas, Patron Saint of children and (appropriately) Sailors.** Fr M

STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION



Please save your used stamps especially in the approach to Christmas. Leave them attached to the small part of the envelope that they are on and either bring them to Church or bag them up and bring them to The Rectory. The Mission will be able to use the stamps to raise money for it's wonderful charity work amongst those who have Leprosy. **All he Stamps were blessed on 12 Dec at the Christingle Service. The collection has now started for 2022! Please see box at the back of the Church and pop all your Christmas Stamps into the box at the back!** Fr M

Daily Hope 0800 804 8044 – new Church of England **FREE** telephone line to hear hymns, daily prayers and reflections...do have a listen!

TREES FOR THE CHURCHYARD:

We are going to plant 11 trees in the Church-yard, as some of the present specimens are coming to the end of their 'natural' and there are also some gaps that need plugging: would you like to donate one, perhaps in memory of a loved one or as a thanksgiving for a birth or marriage or....? Each sapling is approx £110 and includes the cost of preparing the ground and planting. The Rector, the two Church Wardens and the two Almoners all 'led the way forward' in this 'green' initiative: we now have offers for all eleven trees. Thank you all so much. The trees are booked to be planted in mid-March. Once again thank you.

NB - Please note that on 02 Jan the Sung Mass is at 0930 not 1030: this is a 'one off'.



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