

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

14 November 2021

## *The Gathering*

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.  
**Let us recognize his presence with us.**

*Silence is kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**let us worship him together.**

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.**

Brothers and sisters,  
as we prepare to celebrate,  
let us call to mind our sins.

## *The Confession*

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.

## *The Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## *Gloria in Excelsis*

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 sin 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.

## *The Collect*

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## ***Readings***

### **A reading from the book of Daniel [12.1-3]**

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews [10.11-14; 19-25]**

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our

hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### *Hymn*

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase,  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned;  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span,  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find,  
earth its destiny may find.

*Listen to a recording:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDyHS\\_9S\\_6Y&ab\\_channel=FAPCinNYC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDyHS_9S_6Y&ab_channel=FAPCinNYC)

### ***Gospel Reading***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Mark 13.1-8]

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead

many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sermon by the Revd Andy Rider*

*Prayers of Intercession*

*The following or another response may be used*

Lord, in your silence  
hear our prayer.  
*The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour has 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.**

### ***Thanksgiving***

**Let us give thanks and praise for all God's gifts**

***Silence is kept***

**For birth and life and strength of body,  
for safety and shelter and food,  
we give you thanks:  
we praise your holy name.**

**For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature,  
for words and music and the power of thought,  
we give you thanks:  
we praise your holy name.**

**For work and leisure and the joy of achieving,  
for conscience and will and depth of feeling,  
we give you thanks:  
we praise your holy name.**

**For grace and truth in Jesus Christ,  
for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven,  
we give you thanks:  
we praise your holy name.**



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

### *The Peace*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
and also with you.

### *The Blessing*

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### *Notices*

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.