**Parish Communion**
**1 December 2024**
**Advent Sunday**

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding** **Hymn126**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

**The Gathering of God’s People**

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

**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.**

**Penitence** **saying sorry**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Absolution**

**The Advent Crown**

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray;
longing for the day of glory,
‘Come, Lord, soon’, we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.

**The Collect** for **Advent Sunday**

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

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians ch 3 beginning at v 9

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Our God reigns** **Hymn 129**

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
**our God reigns!** x6

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your king, your king!
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
**our God reigns!** x6

Waste places of Jerusalem, break forth with joy
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted his people:
**our God reigns!** x6

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations, he has bared his holy arm:
**our God reigns**! x6                      —oOo—

**Sunday Club begins**

**Luke 21:25-36** **Please stand**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke Chapter 21 beginning at verse 25: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Sermon** **Advent**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Lord, receive our praise
**and hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,
**accept these our 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.**

**God, whose love is all around us** **Offertory Hymn 414**

God whose love is all around us,
who in Jesus sought and found us,
who to freedom new unbound us,
keep our hearts with joy aflame.

For the sacramental breaking,
for the honour of partaking,
for your life, our lives remaking,
young and old, we praise your name.

From the service of this table,
lead us to a life more stable,
for our witness make us able;
blessings on our work we claim.

Through our calling closely knitted,
daily to your praise committed,
for a life of service fitted,
let us now your love proclaim.

**At the Lord’s Table**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Salvation is your gift
through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and by him you will make all things new
when he returns in glory to judge the world:

And so with all your people,
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!**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do
as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. 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.**

**Breaking the bread**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Going Out as God’s People**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of 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.**

**The Blessing**

**O come to my heart** **Hymn 114: 1,2,4,5**

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me;
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:

**Refrain** O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

**2** Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
to proclaim thy royal degree;
yet in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
and in deepest humility:

**4** Though thou camest, Lord, with the living word
that should set thy people free;
yet with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn
they bore thee to Calvary:

**5** When the heav'ns shall ring, and the angels sing,
at thy coming to victory,
let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee'.

**Dismissal**

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

**Notices**

**4:00 pm Connect Carol Service**
with three school choirs at Loughmoss

**5:30 pm Christmas Tree Lighting & Carols**
with refreshments at St Andrew's

**Wednesday Christmas Lunch** 11 December after 11.30 HC