

Morning Service with Vinod Victor
19th December 2021 11:30 (In person at Church and
via Zoom)
Fourth Sunday in Advent



Personal preparation before the service begins.

Please take time to remember where you are,
 and why you are here.
 Give thanks and become still
 in the presence of God

Prelude

Händel - "The people that walked in darkness"

The Opening

Grace, Mercy and Peace
 from God our Father
 and the Lord Jesus Christ
 be with us.
 This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us Pray with Words from the Psalm

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
 you who lead Joseph like a flock.
 You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
 shine forth
² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

**³ Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

(Psalm 80:1-2)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be for ever.**



The Children Light The Advent Candles
Opening hymn: Light one candle

1. Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

2. Light one candle for peace,
one bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

3. Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy.
Every nation will find salvation
in Beth'lem's baby boy.

4. Light one candle for love,
one bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes! He comes!

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Prayer

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,
and let your anger cease from us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.
(Luke 1:46-55)

The Old Testament Lesson

The reading is taken from Hebrews 5:5-10

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God
Our hearts and our minds are open.

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the
scroll—

I have come to do your will, my God.’”^[a]

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings
and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased
with them”—though they were offered in accordance with
the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do
your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the
second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made
holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.

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

Gradual hymn: ACF 85 Magnificat

Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat anima mea!

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The Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 1: 39-45

Glory to you, O Lord

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The HOMILY

ACF 95 Of the Father's love begotten

vv. 1, 2, 4

1. Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

2. O that birth for ever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face
evermore and evermore.

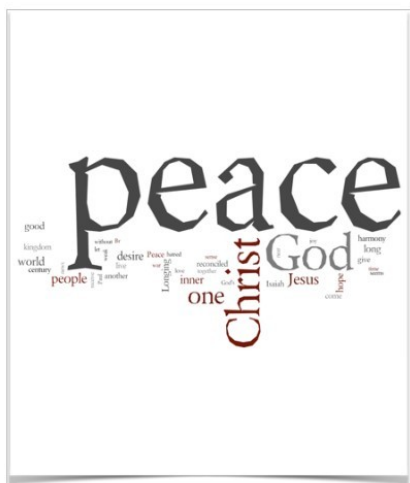
4. This is He whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected,
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore

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Intercessions (by Helen Rose)

The Lord's Prayer

In the language close to our hearts,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us...



The Peace

God is love
 And those who live in love live in God
 And God lives in them.
 We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

Closing hymn: ACF 64 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful (Taizé)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
 in the Lord I will rejoice!
 Look to God, do not be afraid.
 Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
 Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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The Blessing

The Lord bless us
 and watch over us,
 the Lord make his face shine
 upon us
 and be gracious to us,
 the Lord look kindly on us
 and give us peace;
 and the blessing
 of God Almighty, the Father,
 Son and Holy Spirit,
 be with us now and always.
Amen.

Announcements

Look forward to our next services
25th December 2021 Christmas Day
26th December 2021 Boxing Day
Both Eucharist Services
11:30 hrs, for Zoom link see website
Services will also be in person in the church 😊

Compline with Advent Antiphones

December 19, 2021 to December 22, 2021 at 9:00 pm –
9:30 pm

Together with the Anglican Churches in Stuttgart and
Heidelberg via zoom (see ACF website for details)

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Schubert - Ave Maria, v. 1



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