

**Advent 3**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
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*Living out faith in our community  
through prayer, reflection and action*



**Third Sunday *of* Advent**

**Opening chant** (repeat three times)

**Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold the Lamb of God.  
Who takes away the sin,  
The sin of the world.**

**Welcome**

Grace and Peace to you from God our Creator  
And the Lord Jesus Christ

**Opening Hymn 158**

**Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God,  
To whom all hearts are open,  
all desires know,  
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**

**Lighting the advent candles**

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we light this candle we  
celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**Prayer for Advent 3**

Lord of light,  
Who sent the Baptist to offer hope and face the world's scorn  
Open our ears to hear the cries from the margins,  
Exposing our fears, inciting our vision  
and calling us to a step of faith;  
Through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

**Lord Jesus, light of the world**

**Help us to bear witness to your love this Advent. Amen**

**Chant**

**Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away** (repeat  
three times)

We say together

**Risen Christ, Light of the world**

**Shine in our lives**

**And shine among us now**

**Confession and absolution**

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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Kyrie eleison.....**(sung chant)

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christe eleison.....**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Kyrie eleison.....**

### **Collect for Advent 3**

Stir up our prayers, Lord, and hear us: that they who are sorrowful and suffering may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

### **Old Testament Reading:** Zephaniah 3. 14-20

*Read by: Liz Moir*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

### **Canticle Isaiah 12. 2-6**

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

**And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

### **New Testament Reading:** Philippians 4. 4-7

*Read by: Liz Moir*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus..

### **Gradual Hymn 554**

### **Gospel: Luke 3 :7-18**

*Read by: Stuart Robertson*

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am

not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Sermon**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Among the poor,  
Among the proud,  
Among the persecuted,  
Among the privileged,  
Christ is coming.

**He is coming to make all things new.**

In the private house,  
In the market place,  
In the wedding feast,  
In the judgement hall,  
Christ is coming.

**He is coming to make all things new.**

With a gentle touch,  
With an angry word,  
With a clear conscience,  
With burning love,  
Christ is coming,

**He is coming to make all things new.**

That the kingdom might come,  
That the world might believe,  
That the powerful might stumble,  
That the humble might be raised,  
Christ is coming.

**He is coming to make all things new.**

Within us, without us,  
Among us, before us,  
In this place, in every place,  
For this time, for all time,  
Christ is coming.  
**He is coming to make all things new.**

### **Intercessions**

#### **Peace**

We meet in Christ’s name. **Let us share his peace.**

Chalice: Tom Jamieson: Stuart Robertson

### **Offertory Hymn 87**

#### **Offering**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,**

**The splendour, and the majesty;**

**Foe everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

**All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

### **The Eucharist**

God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us.

Glory to God in the highest.

Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world, with it’s frosty mornings and it’s life-giving rains

Glory to God in the highest.

Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us to you and to gather us around him as the children of one family. You send us your Holy Spirit, to keep us close to you.

Glory to God in the highest.

For such great love, we thank you and sing with the angels and saints as they praise you and sing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he, Oh Blessed is he  
Who comes on the name of the Lord  
Hosanna , in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest**

We thank you God, for the greatest gift of all, your Son Jesus Christ. He came among us as a helpless baby: cared and looked after by his mother Mary, loved by her husband Joseph, he was cradled beside the beasts in the stable, and slept in a manger.

The Kings and the Shepherds bowed down before him, and the angels sang about him. This was the gift that the world did not treat kindly. But he loved the world to the end.

The night before he died, when he was at supper with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died and rose again  
to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves as a gift.  
Glory to God in the Highest.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,  
and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people  
we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Fraction**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say;

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.

### **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 you peace, Grant us your peace, Grant us your peace**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Thanksgiving and Sending Out**

Give thanks to our gracious God.

**Whose mercy endures for ever.**

**Post –Communion Prayer.**

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the Kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices.****Final Hymn 252****Blessing**

Grace, mercy and peace,  
and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Saviour and Redeemer,  
be with you now and always. Amen.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary**

*Do join us for tea or coffee at the back of the church  
after our service. All are welcome.*

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## **Notices**

**Christmas Bake Sale.** There will be a bake sale after Church today. Liz Moir will be taking orders Black Bun and wee Christmas cakes. All proceeds to SECMA (LINKS) and St Columba's Hospice.

## **Advent reflection Group**

Walking Backwards to Christmas' on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rectory at 7.30pm and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Martin's Church at 10.30am.

Week 4 chapters 8 and 9 Elizabeth and Mary

Please read chapters 10 and 12 for yourself as we are not covering them in the reflections.

**Christmas Carols** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm – 3pm in Church. Please come to support this event. Mince pies served. All families and adults welcome.

**Sunday 23rd December Nativity Play** children particularly welcome.

**St Salvador's Food Bank**, via Dorothy Jones, have sent St Martins their best Christmas Wishes and many thanks for all your food donations. Please don't donate any more Christmas food after today. We hope to make one last delivery, but thereafter no more uplifts will be made until January. If you would like to know what items are particularly useful please speak to Penny or Elizabeth. Thank you!

**Christmas Party in Church. Saturday 29 December** 2pm-3.30pm. Bring and share, including the Christmas leftovers, for a time of fellowship and fun.

## **Christmas Services**

**Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December Midnight Eucharist at 11.15pm**

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December Holy Communion Service at 10.30am**