

All Age Communion

Cudham and Downe 28th November 2021

Advent Sunday



Welcome

Gathering prayer

Dear God,

for some today, life seems good;

for some today, life seems hard;

for some today, life feels confusing.

But for all today, your love gives hope –

hope that we are forgiven and loved. Amen.

Song

Make way, make way

For Christ the King

In splendour arrives

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him

Into your lives

Make way! (Make way!)

Make way! (Make way!)

For the King of kings

(For the King of kings)

Make way! (Make way!)

Make way! (Make way!)

And let His kingdom in

He comes the broken hearts to heal
The prisoners to free
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance
The blind shall see

Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in

And those who mourn with heavy hearts
Who weep and sigh
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify

Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in

**We call you now to worship Him
As Lord of all
To have no gods before Him
Their thrones must fall!**

***Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
For the King of kings
(For the King of kings)
Make way! (Make way!)
Make way! (Make way!)
And let His kingdom in***

**Lighting of the Advent wreath prayer
Lord God of our ancestors,
you called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promise.
May we be obedient to your call
And be ready and watchful to receive Jesus.
Amen**

Confession

**We wait, but don't always find it easy to wait,
We are sorry**

We get impatient and don't pay attention to the journey and its signposts.

We are sorry

We don't see that preparation is part of the journey and that the journey is part of the gift.

We are sorry

You offer us a way to follow, a path to tread, a journey that leads to hope, to joy, to trust and to love, and we confess we do not always follow.

We are sorry

Now, may we step into this Advent as faithful people, seeking forgiveness and trying to follow your path, and believing you will be walking with us every step of the way.

Amen.

Absolution

Bible reading

Luke 21:25-36

This is the word of the Lord: thanks be to God

Talk

Song

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being
and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,

As your kingdom dawns,

Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,

That we may be ready to meet you

In our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Amen

Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you: and also with you.

Song

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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**

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

As our Saviour 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.

And forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are

Yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God

We thank you for feeding us

With 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.

Notices –

Song

You shall go out with joy

And be let forth with peace,

And the mountains and the hills

Will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy

And the trees of the fields

Will clap, will clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen