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# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**for the Sung Eucharist**

**Sunday 19 November 2017**

**11.00 am**

**The Second Sunday before Advent**

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## **Music before the Service**

*Madrigal, op. 31 - Louis Vierne*

### **The Gathering**

*Stand as the bell rings for the* **Introit Hymn**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
Might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
Knows and names them as they shine.**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know;  
Those who fear him find his mercies,  
Peace for pain and joy for woe;  
Humble hearts are high exalted,  
Human pride and power laid low.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
Spring to melt the snows of winter  
Till the waters flow again;  
Grass upon the mountain pastures,  
Golden valleys thick with grain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
Peace and plenty crown your days;  
Love his laws, declare his judgments,  
Walk in all his words and ways;  
He the Lord and we his children -  
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926)  
Tune: Rhuddlan

## Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

*The president welcomes all, and invites everyone to seek the mercy and grace of God.*

## Prayer of Penitence

All **O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The president pronounces absolution*

All sing the **Gloria**

All **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**

*Remain standing for The Collect*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*Please sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Remain seated for the **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90**

Fill us with your love that we may re - jice.

*Unison \** MH



Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the earth and the world were formed,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **R/**

You turn us back to dust and say:  
'Turn back, O children of earth.'  
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,  
which passes like a watch in the night. **R/**

You sweep them away like a dream;  
they fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R/**

For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.  
You have set our misdeeds before you  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R/**

So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R/**

### **New Testament Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

*All stand and turn to face the reader for* **The Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*All* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*All* **Glory to you O Lord**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”

But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

*All* **Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Please sit for* **The Sermon**

*Jules Soanes*

*All stand for* **The Nicene Creed**

*All* **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 from the Holy Spirit and 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**

Sit or kneel for the **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

at the end:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All **and also with you.**

*The congregation are invited to greet one another.*

### **The Offertory**

*During the following hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. You can also donate via your mobile phone - eg to give £5. just text the message 'AHBT45 £5' to 70070. Thank you.*

*Elements of bread, wine and water are taken up to the altar.*

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as Advocate to plead,  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.**



**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live;  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

Brian Foley (b.1919) Tune: All for Jesus

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
*All* **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

*All* **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; 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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Remain standing for* **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread**

## **Agnus Dei**

*All* **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 peace.**

*The president invites the congregation to receive communion*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying,  
'Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.'

*All* **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb**

*If you receive communion at your own church you are welcome here. If you do not wish to take communion, you may come forward for a blessing, taking this booklet with you.*

*Remain seated for the* **Communion Hymn.**

**O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
That theirs may be the love that knows no ending,  
Whom thou forevermore dost join in one.**

**O perfect Life, be thou their full assurance,  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.**

**Grant them the joy that brightens earthly sorrow;  
Grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.**

Dorothy F Gurney (1858-1932) Tune: Highwood

*Please remain seated or kneel for the* **Postcommunion Prayer**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour . **Amen**

*All* **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**

## **Banns, Notices and Announcements**

*Please stand for the* **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

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

*Remain standing for the final hymn.*

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamour never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright  
thy blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy body fed  
with thy new life replenish.**

Syrian, 4th Century TR CW Humphries (1840-1921) &  
Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) Tune: Ach Gott und Herr

*Please remain standing whilst the clergy and servers depart.*

## **Music after the Service**

*Fanfare - Kenneth Leighton*

***You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service,***

# The Week Ahead

## **Monday 20 November**

4.00pm: Memorial Service for Victoria Davison

## **Tuesday 21 November**

8.30am: Morning Prayer

1.00pm: Lunchtime Communion

## **Wednesday 22 November**

8.30am: Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Taizé Service

## **Thursday 23 November**

8.30am: Eucharist

## **Friday 24 November**

No services today

## **Saturday 25 November**

6.30pm: Concert for St Cecilia's Day

## **Sunday 26 November - Christ the King**

11.00am: Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Martin Carr

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95.1-7;  
Ephesians 1.15-end; Matthew 25.31-end

## **Autumn/Winter Opening Hours**

*From Monday-Friday we are open between 8am-5pm,  
apart from Wednesdays when we stay open for our Taizé service at 6pm.  
We are also open from 10am-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.*

## **ULTIMA BRITANNIA: 6-24 November**

Please note that, for the safety and security of the children, visitors' access to parts of the church and museum is restricted during our Education Project.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday school takes place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month during the 11am service. The sessions are geared for 4-7 year olds, but there are also activities for pre-schoolers. If you would like your child/children to attend, please speak to Jules after the service or email: [jules.soanes@googlemail.com](mailto:jules.soanes@googlemail.com)

# Notices

## **CONCERT FOR ST CECILIA'S DAY - Saturday 25 November, 6.30pm**

The East London Chorus will be performing musical gems by Bach, Mozart, Finzi, Rheinberger and Britten. Tickets: £12/£10 concessions available on the door.

## **LUNCHTIME CONCERT - Wednesday 29 November, 1.10pm**

Johan de Silva (Baritone) and Christopher Moore (Piano) will perform a 45 min recital of classical songs and opera from a wide variety of composers, sung in a number of languages, including English, French, Italian, German and Russian. All welcome - admission free, retiring collection in aid of the British Red Cross.

## **TOWER HAMLETS FOOD BANK - LOVE CHRISTMAS**

The Foodbank's Love Christmas events bring joy and cheer to those who would otherwise struggle during the festive season. If you wish to donate food for the Hamper Appeal, bring your gifts to church **by 1 December** please. Financial gifts are also welcome - put your donation in a gift aid envelope and mark it 'Foodbank'.

## **ADVENT ACTIVITY AFTERNOON - Sunday 3 December**

The festive season is almost upon us, and after the service on 3 December we will be preparing the church for Advent and Christmas. Stay for a snack lunch and an afternoon of church decorations - let Angie or Bertrand know if you can come.

## **SEND HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Advent is a time of hope and expectation, but for many in the world today there is little prospect of hope. Please come and join us as we write Christmas messages to some of those who most need to hear it - isolated victims of torture. Come any time between 12.30-2pm on Tuesday 5, Wednesday 13 & Tuesday 19 December to write cards over a sandwich lunch. Cards will also be available to write after Sunday services in December and the Taizé service on 13 December.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER**

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| Thursday 14 December, 6.30pm | - Traditional Carols by Candlelight   |
| Sunday 17 December, 4pm      | - A Festival of Lessons and Carols    |
| Monday 18 December, 6.30pm   | - Service de Noël en Français         |
| Wednesday 20 December, 6pm   | - Taizé Prayer around the Crib        |
| Sunday 24 December, 11.30pm  | - Midnight Mass by Candlelight        |
| Monday 25 December, 11am     | - Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols |

**ALL WELCOME**

## THE TEAM AT ALL HALLOWS

<b>Vicar:</b>	The Rev'd Bertrand Olivier
<b>Associate Priest:</b>	The Rev'd Sophia Acland
<b>Licensed Lay Minister:</b>	Martin Carr
<b>Operations &amp; Finance Manager:</b>	Angie Poppitt
<b>Education &amp; History Officer:</b>	Adey Grummet
<b>Organist and Director of Music:</b>	Jonathan Melling
<b>Church Wardens:</b>	Ken Marshall, Di Robertshaw

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