



ADVENT

THE PARISH EUCHARIST

AT ST. MARY'S BARNES

**Whether you are a visitor for the first time
or a regular at St Mary's,
we warmly welcome you to this celebration of our
PARISH EUCHARIST**

On most Sundays there is separate provision for children aged 3-11 at the 10am Parish Communion in our Sunday Club and a separate child-friendly Informal Service at 11.30am once a month as part of our growing ministry to young people.

Families with young children may like to use the Melvill Room (door beside the organ) as a Retreat space for children who are getting restless. The service is relayed and there are books and toys to play with.

The Hymns in this service are mostly unannounced. The hymn numbers are found on the weekly pewsheet and on the hymn boards on either side of the altar.

Hearing aid/induction loop is in operation and accessed by switching your device to position 'T'.

Advent

The holy season of Advent consists of the four Sundays before Christmas and marks the beginning of the Church's year. The word "advent" comes from a Latin word meaning "arrival" and has been given to the season that looks forward expectantly to the coming of Christ the King in glory and power, and in so doing leads us into the celebration of Christmas.

The themes of Advent are of watching and waiting, of restraint, of hope and of judgement, of readiness and of light in the darkness.

The Advent Wreath

As Advent is the beginning of the Christian year so the Advent Wreath (of new evergreen leaves or boughs) symbolizes the new and everlasting life brought by the advent (arrival) of Jesus Christ.



The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself; His eternity and endless love. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope of new and everlasting life in Christ. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world and getting brighter as Christ draws closer to us. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

Each Sunday in Advent we remember different aspects of the coming of Christ:

Advent I

The Patriarchs and Advent Hope

Advent II

The Prophets

Advent III

St. John the Baptist

Advent IV

The Blessed Virgin Mary

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the hymn is announced

Hymn

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

Welcome

The Prayer of Preparation

Priest: Let us pray

Please kneel

All: 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.

The Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon introduces the Confession

All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,

in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ

forgive us all that is past;

and lead us out of darkness

to walk as children of light.

The Kyrie Eleison

KYRIE David Thorne

Andante ♩ = 104

[Organ] *mf* Lord, have mer - cy.

f Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mf mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. *mp* Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins that we may behold the glory of your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect

The unique prayer for the day that is printed on the pewsheet

Priest: Let us pray

The Collect is said, and all respond

Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

At the end of which may be said:

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn

During which the Gospel Book is processed into the middle of the congregation. We turn to face the reader. Please remain standing.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Lord be with you;

All: and also with you.

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Sermon

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand

Priest: Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: **I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel to pray

These responses may be used:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

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

The Anthem

Details of today's choir anthem are on the pewsheet

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

The Peace

Priest: In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who live in darkness and in the
shadow of death and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Altar

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

The offertory is presented for a blessing:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(For a fuller explanation of Advent and the Wreath see page 1)

The Advent Wreath symbolizes new and everlasting life and the lighting of the Advent candles helps us to remember different aspects of the coming of Christ.

ADVENT I – THE PATRIARCHS & ADVENT HOPE

Priest: Jesus said, 'Keep awake, for you do not know on
what day your Lord is coming.'

All: Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is lit

Child: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing (to the tune Angel Voices Ever Singing):

**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.**

ADVENT II – THE PROPHETS

Priest: Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'

All: Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The second candle is lit

Child: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing (to the tune Angel Voices Ever Singing):

**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.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying, making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying, calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken –
hearts awaken: God is near!**

ADVENT III – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Priest: Jesus said, 'No one more important than John the Baptist has ever been born; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

All: Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The third candle is lit

Child: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing (to the tune Angel Voices Ever Singing):

**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.**

**John the Baptist, by his preaching and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready, for the Lord.'**

ADVENT IV – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Priest: Jesus said, 'Anyone who does what my Father in heaven
wants is my brother or sister or mother.'

All: I am the servant of the Lord.

Let it be to me according to his word.

The fourth candle is lit

Child: Jesus is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing (to the tune Angel Voices Ever Singing):

**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.**

Mary's gift, beyond all telling, was to give Christ room.
She gave God a human dwelling in a mother's womb.
Who could guess the final story –
cross and glory; empty tomb!



The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God, everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us
in human flesh,

he fulfilled the plan you formed
before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
 we now watch for the day
 when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

As we watch for signs of your kingdom on earth,
 we echo the song of angels and archangels in heaven,
 for ever praising you and singing:

The Sanctus & Benedictus

SANCTUS

Moderato ♩ = 112

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

BENEDICTUS

mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
 - san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest: Lord God you are the most holy one,
 enthroned in splendour and light,
 yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ,
 you reveal the power of your love,

made perfect in human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,

Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;

dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave himself up for us all

he 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.

**All: Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered
on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection,
his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns
at your right hand on high.**

Priest: As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.
Look with favour on your people

and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts:
bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free,
and fill your Church with power from on high.
Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with St. Mary and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel



Deacon: As our Saviour taught us so we
pray:

**All: 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;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest: 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.

The Agnus Dei

AGNUS DEI

Andante (♩ = 60)

[Organ] Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world, Grant us peace.

mp Lamb of God, you
mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
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sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
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mf Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
God. world, *non rall.* Grant us peace. *p* **2**

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs
from under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**

*All communicant Christians, from whatever tradition,
are welcome to receive communion.*

*The priest and people receive the Eucharist
Authorised words are said to each communicant:*

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time: **Amen.***

The Prayers after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Collect is read

The Post Communion Prayer is said.

**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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

The Final Hymn

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing

Please stand

Priest: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The ministers and people depart.
After the service is over, coffee is served.
All are welcome.*



Come to this table not because you must but because you may.

*Come not because you have all faith
but because you have some faith and would like to grow in it.*

*Come because you love the Lord a little
and would like to love him more.*

Come because he loves you and wants to give you everything.

Come because all is ready, and we are his Body.



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