



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

2nd Sunday before Advent 19th November

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All Age Eucharist 10.00

- Welcomers:** Velma Davis, Ros Tatam
Server: Lisa Markham
Chalice: Lindsey Archer, Eira Endersbee
Lessons: Ron Abraham
Celebrant: Jude Bullock
Music:



HYMN 767 Thou whose almighty word

GATHERING

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

This week	Monday	20th Nov	20.00	PCC
	Thursday	23rd Nov	11.30	Bible Study group
	Friday	24th Nov	10.00	Eucharist
	Sunday	26th Nov	10.00	Parish Eucharist

The kingdom is yours
but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen.



GLORIA

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
Peace to all your people through the Earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.**

**Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!**

COLLECT

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that,

whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

HYMN 560 O Lord all the world belongs to you

GOSPEL Gospel Matthew 25. 14-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, ^[a] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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." ²¹ 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." ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ 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; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ 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.

REFLECTION

HYMN 452 Longing for light we wait in darkness

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is
named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts
through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;



Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for our mother, the earth. As COP 28 will begin on the 30th of this month we pray for the governments of the world that together we may be able to save our planet, may all nations be governed with wisdom and integrity serving the needs of mother earth, and all who live on her. We pray especially that the richer nations will heed the call of 'loss and damage' to help the poorer nations and those most effected by climate change.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church in its rich diversity, the sign of your reign, that it may bear witness to the values of the kingdom and serve the world in each and every way that it can

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for people of faith and for those of different faiths to our own and for those who have no faith, that we may work together to heal the divisions and violence so prevalent today in Ukraine and Russia and in the Holy Land and in all places where division has led to inhumanity

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth. We call to mind, all those who are unwell and those who have care for them.

May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silent prayer for our own intentions

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St Anne and all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

HYMN 24 All that I am

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

**As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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 Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your
world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home



to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of Power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san - na Ho - sa - na Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed Bless - ed is he who comes comes in the
name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na Ho -
- san - na Ho - san - na in the high - est

Father of all, we give you thanks

for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,

yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.



We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus taught us:

**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 for 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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your Peace.

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

**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.

Notices

BLESSING

Now may the blessing of God the Father,
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;
of God the Son who bought us for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation;
and of God the Spirit who brings us together in unity,
be with us and remain with us always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 599 Onward Christian pilgrims

***When human beings claim to
take God's place, they become
their own worst enemies.***

HH Pope Francis



*We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way. If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.*



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Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler’s and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

Christmas Bazaar: Thursday 30th November 2-5pm and Saturday 2nd December 10am- 3pm. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with stalls, taken raffle tickets, and donated goods for sale. We could still do with some help to cover gaps, or give stall holders a break, so if you could offer a little time during the bazaar for this, please let Heather or Anthony know. Raffle tickets, and boxes for goods for sale, are at the back of church - contributions still very welcome. Thank you."

Advent Course - We will be holding an Advent Course in the MMU again this year. This will be at 8pm on Wednesday 6th, 13th and 20th December. As in recent years this will be by Zoom. Further details and the Zoom joining details will be published in due course.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for November: 1st Frederica Wood, Thelma Mensing, Maude Stannard 2nd Wilhelmina Hoffman 4th Gwendoline Salen 5th David Rolfe 6th Grace Pickard, Pauline Rolph, 8th Emily Ralph, 12th Elsie Maloney, 13th Donald Patton, 14th Jack Newnham, 15th Henry Hebbard, Alfred Burnett, 21st George Digman, 23rd, Graham Miller, Brian Warner, 27th, Gladys Larsen, Peter John Smith, 28th Lillian Taylor, 30th, Laurence Mountford.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen