



Welcome and Thank You!

Welcome and thank you to Alan Rhodes, Diocesan Lay Reader and a former parishioner of St Philip and St James' Church, who is very kindly taking the service, this morning whilst the Rector is 'in residence' as a Canon of St Patrick's Cathedral.

We are still awaiting further advice from the government regarding what is meant by the continuation of all protective measures for religious worship, so until we receive those details, we are required to continue with such things as social distancing, contact tracing, etc.

Face Masks

As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.

Contact Tracing

We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone

attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.

Congregational Hymn Singing

COVID-19 restrictions still say that the congregation is not to sing. A choir which is 2 metres from the congregation and the members of which are 2 metres from each and wearing masks may sing. As we don't have a choir and people are wearing masks and are 2 metres from each other, people have been 'muttering musically into their masks' as Charles Pearson, our organist, plays the tunes of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet.

Greeting and Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all
and also with you.

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
and to pray for the needs of the world,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may give ourselves to the service
of God.

O Lord, open our lips,
**and our mouth will proclaim your
praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
Creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the
beginning
and the heavens are the work of your
hands.

In the fullness of time, you made us
in your image,
and in these last days you have
spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word
made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of your
presence among us
let the light of your love always shine
in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn No. 294 (Down Ampney)

[Verses 1-2]

Come down, O Love divine,

seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Penitence

If we say we have no sin we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is
faithful and just and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 8,9

Let us kneel and confess our sins to
God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned
against you;
we have broken your
commandments;
we have often been selfish,**

and we have not loved you as we should.

For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word



Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path.

c.f. Psalm 119: 105

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens.

c.f. Psalm 119: 89

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

The Old Testament Reading

The Old Testament Reading is from the Book of Job, chapter 42, verses 1-6 and 10-17.

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

42 Then Job answered the LORD:

² 'I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴ "Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me."

⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

but now my eye sees you;

⁶ therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.'

10 And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep,

six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 294 (Down Ampney)

[Verses 3-4]

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner
clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.

[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading

The New Testament reading is from the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, verses 46 to 52.

Mark 10: 46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵² Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 58 Thanks and Praise (I Will Not Be Afraid)

*I will not be afraid of what I hear.
I will not be afraid of what I see.*

*I will not be afraid of anything,
'cause I know God's with me.*

Like Moses on the mountain,
or Paul upon the sea,
or John the Baptist speaking out,
I know that God's with me.

Like Mary with the angel,
or Peter when set free,
or David hiding in a cave,
I know that God's with me.

Like Noah in the flooding,
or Joshua's victory,
or Esther standing up for truth,
I know that God's with me.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the
Father,
who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son
Jesus Christ,
who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy
Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?
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.***

Hymn No. 218 (Sagina)

[Verses 1-2]

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain;
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for
me?

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that thou, my God, shouldst die for
me?

He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

[Please sit or kneel]

The Prayers



The Collect of the 5th Sunday before Advent

Blessed Lord,
 who caused all holy scripture to be
 written for our learning:
 help us to hear them,
 to read, mark, learn and inwardly
 digest them
 that, through patience, and the
 comfort of your holy word,
 we may embrace and for ever hold
 fast
 the blessed hope of everlasting life,
 which you have given us in our Saviour
 Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 218 (Sagina)

[Verses 3-4]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
 fast bound in sin and nature's night:
 thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with
 light;
 my chains fell off, my heart was free.
 I rose, went forth, and followed
 thee.
 my chains fell off, my heart was free.
 I rose, went forth, and followed
 thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
 Alive in him, my living head

and clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ,
 my own.

Bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ,
 my own.

Going Out as God's People

Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,
 as we go out into the world.
 May the lips that have sung your
 praise
 always speak the truth;
 may the ears which have heard
 your Word
 listen only to what is good
 and may our lives as well as our
 worship
 be always pleasing in your sight,
 for the glory of Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.**

*If no priest is present, the Blessing is omitted and
 the following prayer may be said*

The almighty and merciful Lord,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless us and keep us.
Amen.

We go in peace to love and serve the
 Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

In the interests of trying to keep all who come to our churches safe, please take away this service sheet and any other items that you may have brought with you or used in church this morning. Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.

Colouring Section



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THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2021

20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

Wednesday 27th October 2021

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

Midweek Holy Communion Service



Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!

Services next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church
(live-streamed)



CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

PJ's Christmas Coffee Morning and Mini Fair with Raffle

Saturday 4th December 2021

10.30-12.30

St Philip and St James' Parish Centre