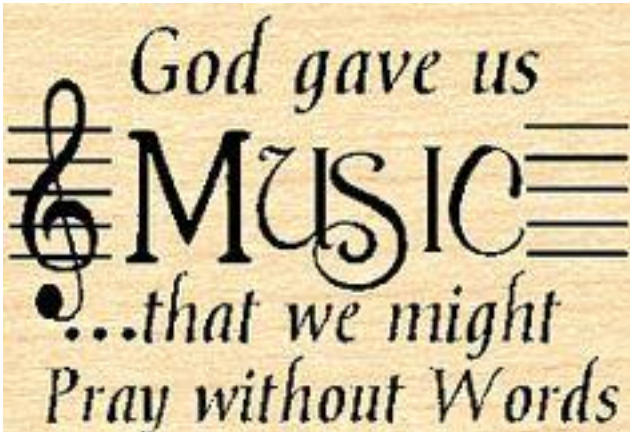


Greeting*[Please stand]*

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
*we shall rejoice and be glad in it.*

IntroductionOpening Responses

O Christ, whose birth was greeted  
 with the song of angels,  
 whose mother sang as she magnified  
 the Lord,  
 and who was greeted in the Temple by  
 the song of Simeon,  
 we thank you for the gift of music.

***For music***

***which calms our fears,  
 lifts our hearts,  
 speaks to our souls,  
 and takes us beyond words  
 into the presence of your joy.***

Hymn No. 366 (Praise, my soul)

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;  
 to his feet thy tribute bring.  
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 who like me his praise should sing?  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
 to his people in distress;  
 praise him, still the same for ever,  
 slow to chide and swift to bless:  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
 well our feeble frame he knows;  
 in his hands he gently bears us,  
 rescues us from all our foes.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
 ye behold him face to face;  
 sun and moon bow down before him,  
 dwellers all in time and space.  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise him! Praise him!  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

The Penitence*[Please sit or kneel]*

For the times, we don't use our voices  
 when we could, or should...  
 to speak out... to comfort...,

to celebrate..., to sing...,  
to rejoice... to pray...  
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.  
**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

For the ways in which we stifle the  
music around us...  
filling our lives with other noise,  
shutting out the melody of God's voice  
in hearts.  
Christe, Christe eleison.  
**Christe, Christe eleison.**

For the times we have been too  
narrow-minded...  
using our own prejudices in defining  
what is holy or what is beautiful...  
or in what kind of music God's voice  
can be heard.  
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.  
**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Still creation sings with an orchestra  
of sounds;  
the Spirit beckons children to share  
the melody of laughter,  
and the rhythm of God's call in our  
lives, knows no beginning and no end.  
Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

### **The Collects of the Sunday before Advent**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to  
the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as  
Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the  
Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to  
worship at his feet,  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

We pray the second collect together:  
**Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that plenteously bearing the fruit of  
good works  
they may by you be plenteously  
rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **Hymn No. 701 (Jubilate Deo)**

*[Very slowly and quietly!]*

Jubilate, ev'rybody,  
serve the Lord in all your ways,  
and come before his presence singing:  
enter now his courts with praise.  
For the Lord our God is gracious,  
and his mercy everlasting.  
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

*[Little bit louder and little bit faster!]*

Jubilate, ev'rybody,  
serve the Lord in all your ways,  
and come before his presence singing:  
enter now his courts with praise.  
For the Lord our God is gracious,

and his mercy everlasting.  
 Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

*[As loud as you can and as fast as you can!]*

Jubilate, ev'rybody,  
 serve the Lord in all your ways,  
 and come before his presence singing:  
 enter now his courts with praise.  
 For the Lord our God is gracious,  
 and his mercy everlasting.  
 Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo! **OI!**

*[Please sit]*

### **The Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46**

*The Reading is from the Gospel according to  
 Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31-46.*

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his  
 glory, and all the angels with him, then  
 he will sit on the throne of his glory.

<sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered  
 before him, and he will separate  
 people one from another as a  
 shepherd separates the sheep from  
 the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep  
 at his right hand and the goats at the  
 left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those  
 at his right hand, "Come, you that are  
 blessed by my Father, inherit the  
 kingdom prepared for you from the  
 foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was  
 hungry and you gave me food, I was  
 thirsty and you gave me something to  
 drink, I was a stranger and you  
 welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you  
 gave me clothing, I was sick and you

took care of me, I was in prison and  
 you visited me." <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous  
 will answer him, "Lord, when was it  
 that we saw you hungry and gave you  
 food, or thirsty and gave you  
 something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it  
 that we saw you a stranger and  
 welcomed you, or naked and gave you  
 clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we  
 saw you sick or in prison and visited  
 you?" <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them,  
 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to  
 one of the least of these who are  
 members of my family, you did it to  
 me." <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his  
 left hand, "You that are accursed,  
 depart from me into the eternal fire  
 prepared for the devil and his angels;  
<sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no  
 food, I was thirsty and you gave me  
 nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger  
 and you did not welcome me, naked  
 and you did not give me clothing, sick  
 and in prison and you did not visit me."  
<sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, "Lord,  
 when was it that we saw you hungry or  
 thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick  
 or in prison, and did not take care of  
 you?" <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them,  
 "Truly I tell you, just as you did not  
 do it to one of the least of these, you  
 did not do it to me." <sup>46</sup>And these will  
 go away into eternal punishment, but  
 the righteous into eternal life.'

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

## The Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

*[Please remain standing]*

With the whole church throughout  
the world:

*We affirm that we are made in  
God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.*

*We affirm God's goodness at the  
heart of humanity,  
planted more  
deeply than all that is wrong.*

*We celebrate the miracle and  
wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the  
world.*

### Hymn No. 228 (Meekness and majesty)

Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony -  
the man who is God:  
Lord of eternity  
dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility  
and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery -  
meekness and majesty:*

*bow down and worship,  
for this is your God,  
this is your God!*

Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross:  
suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice -  
and, as they crucify,  
prays, 'Father, forgive'.

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
love indestructible  
in frailty appears:  
Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of his throne.



*[Please sit or kneel]*

### The Prayers

Into our hearts,  
*may your kingdom come.*

Into the hearts of those we name  
before you in silence...  
*may your kingdom come.*

Into the heart of our world:  
*may your kingdom come.*  
*Into the heart of each one of us,*  
*that when and where we can,*  
*we will do what we can*  
*to bring your kingdom to the hearts*  
*of those for whom we have prayed,*  
*and to the heart of this world,*  
*so, Lord, may your kingdom come*  
*in us as it is in heaven.*

Jesus taught us to call God our  
Father, so in faith and trust we pray,  
*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.*

### Hymn No. 259 - (Guiting Power)

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,*  
*the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-  
treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

### The Blessing

In the strength of God the maker,  
we are going on a journey.

In the friendship of Jesus,  
we are going on a journey.

In the safeguarding of the Holy Spirit,  
we are going on a journey.

*A star is shining.  
Angels are busy.  
Mary is pregnant.  
Joseph is packing.  
Advent is coming.  
It's time to go.*

May God bless us with hope and wonder as we travel. *Amen.*

### The Dismissal

Today and tomorrow,  
in time and eternity,  
*your kingdom come.*

In our world, in our streets,  
in our homes and communities,  
*your kingdom come.*

In our lives, in our loves,  
in our hopes and our travelling  
*Your kingdom come.*



## Healer Prayer Group

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
19.00-19.30 *on Zoom*

## MOUNT MERRION SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER  
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20.00 *ON ZOOM*

## Midweek Prayer and Chat

Wednesday 10.30-11.00 *on Zoom*

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