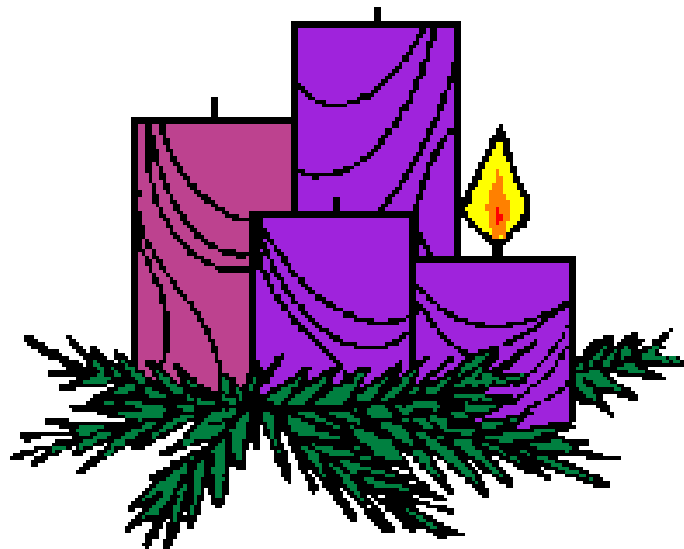




Benefice of

WOODSTOCK & BLADON

St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock
and St Martin of Tours, Bladon



BENEFICE EUCHARIST
FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

29th November 2020
at 10.30am

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have tuned in today to join us online as we live together through these very challenging times. It is perhaps more important than ever to reflect on God's great love for all the world and our call to reach out to one another in responsible and appropriate ways that reflect that same love.

This morning's Eucharist comes live from the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene in Woodstock and is led by the Rector, Revd Jeremy Auld. The preacher is Chris Rimmer, Ordinand at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. The psalm this morning is read by Christine Arjun and the Gospel by Revd Annette Wade, Curate. The intercessions are led by Chris Corser. The organist is Tom McCoy and the cantor is Claudia House.



About this service...

The entire order of service is contained here including the texts of the bible readings.

In the second half of the service, we celebrate Holy Communion. This will inevitably feel strange not being able physically to receive the bread and the wine but we hope and pray that through taking part in this way, you will feel that you have engaged in a spiritual communion with the living God. Please, from home, sing the hymns and join in the responses!

FINANCES IN A TIME OF LOCKDOWN...

*Creator God,
Giver of all Givers,
the Ultimate Generous God,
I praise your name for giving to me the highest gift of all,
your Son, Jesus Christ.
Thank you, God, that you bless me abundantly,
so that in all things and at all times,
having all that I need,
I will abound in every good work.
Amen.*

COLLECTIONS...

As we are unable to take a collection, for those who normally donate during the service, please

For members of St Mary Magdalene's, Woodstock:

1. Give regularly using the Parish Giving Scheme. Ring them on 0333 002 1271 during office hours with the St Mary Magdalene parish code of 270627292 and your bank details;
2. One-off donation now online at **Give a little**
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/a47c1a0c-0a6b-4ff0-962d-300b37daabf6>
3. Send a cheque to our treasurer, Aidan Salter, c/o The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Woodstock, OX20 1UQ made payable to "St Mary Magdalene".

For members of St Martin's, Bladon:

For those not already paying by Standing Order or the Parish Giving Scheme, please drop your envelopes off to:

1. (if you live in Bladon) to the post box at The Old Malt House, Park Lane, Bladon; or (if you live in Woodstock) to 21 Plane Tree Way, Woodstock;
OR
2. Make an electronic payment to a/c name: St Martin's Church Bladon FWO; sort code: 20 98 48; a/c no. 00343684

We thank you for your ongoing generosity to the church – during this time of lockdown, even although our churches have to remain closed, our costs remain largely unchanged.

The Gathering

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.



WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

text: 18th century based on the ancient 'Advent Antiphons' translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
tune: 'Veni Emmanuel' adapted from 15th century French missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Priest: In this season of Advent,
we are here to watch and wait and pray
for the coming of light into the world.
We long for the day when the things of darkness –
selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression –
shall be no more.

Child: So, today, the first Sunday of Advent,
we remember the People of God,
watching and waiting.

The first Advent Candle is lit.

This candle burns as a sign of our hope.

God of hope,
come to us again this Advent.

ALL: **May your hope live within us,
burning brightly in our lives.**

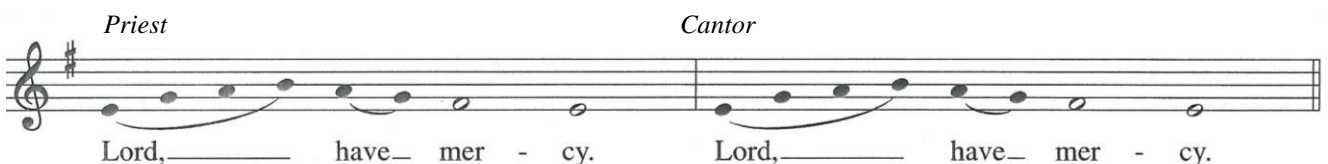


Come, come, Em - ma - nu - el. Come, Em - ma - nu - el. _____ (*sung twice*)

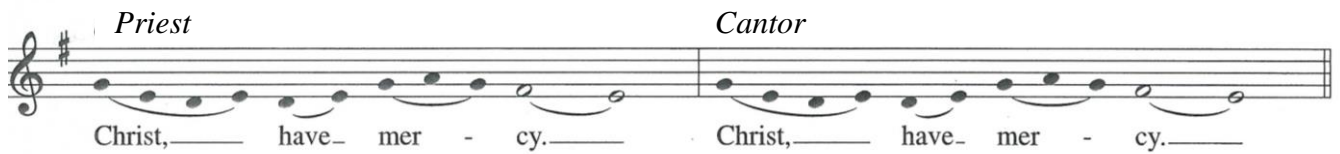
ACT OF PENITENCE

As we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom,
we remember before God when we have fallen short
of seeking to bring about that Kingdom here on earth.
Trusting in God's unending love,
we confess our sins and pray for God's compassion.

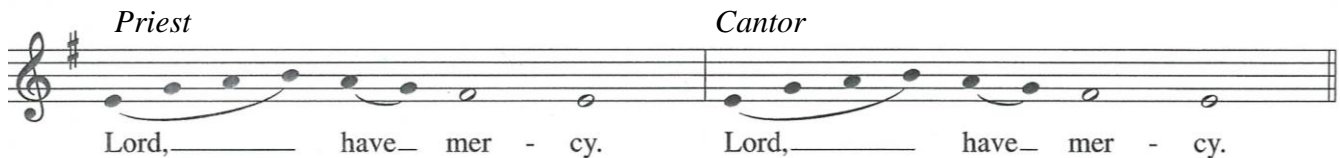
Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:



You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:



You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:



ABSOLUTION

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

We spend a moment in silent prayer...

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word



PSALM 80

PLEASE BE SEATED

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REFRAIN



VERSES

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.**

*(R) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
**You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

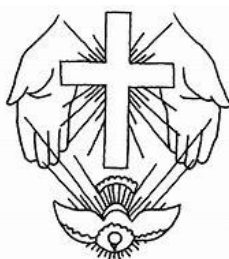
*(R) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
**You made room around it,
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
The hills were covered with its shadow
and the cedars of God by its boughs.
It stretched out its branches to the Sea
and its tendrils to the River.**

Why then have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,
and all the insects of the field devour it.
**Turn again, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven and behold;
Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down,
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
**And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

*(R) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung by the priest and cantor)*



Lord, show us your mercy and love;
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13.24-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples:

‘In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds”
with great power and glory.

Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson:

as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near.

So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows,

neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey,

when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—
for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

HOMILY

Chris Rimmer, Ordinand, Wycliffe Hall

(followed by a moment of silence for reflection)



THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

led by Chris Corser, Bladon Church

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of Peace.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

During the Offertory Hymn, a collection would normally be taken and blessed at the altar. Please see page 3 for details of how you can give today!

OFFERTORY HYMN

music & text: © 1993 Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light...

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.
Glory to you, O God, for ever.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
God's 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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and 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.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and *singing*:

SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

music: Richard Proulx (1937-2010) based on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Cantor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

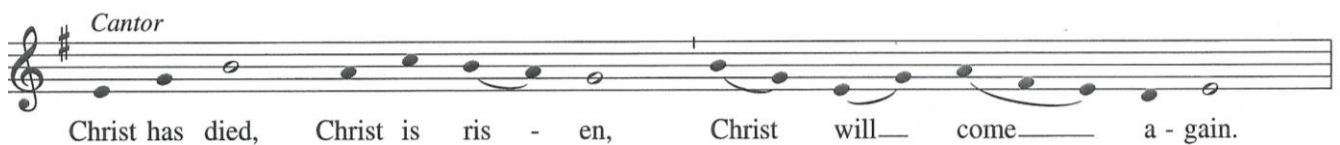


Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
 the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 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:



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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mary Magdalene, Martin and 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's presence here among us,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

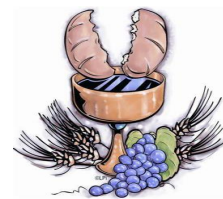
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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

**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in the one bread.**



AGNUS DEI

Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx (1937-2010) based on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord,
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree,
3. Key of Da - vid and Day - spring from on high, you take a - way the sins — of the
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el,

1.-3.
world: have mer - cy on us.

4.
world: grant us — peace. Grant us — peace.

The image shows musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor and has four lines of lyrics. The second staff is for the first three verses and has the lyrics 'world: have mer - cy on us.' The third staff is for the fourth verse and has the lyrics 'world: grant us — peace. Grant us — peace.'

THE COMMUNION

We are invited to make a spiritual communion with God who comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers necessary for this. All the Church has ever thought necessary is a true desire to receive Christ, a lively faith in Christ, and a genuine love for Christ and his people. However, if you wish to say a prayer, here is a suggestion:

God of infinite mercy,
we thank you for Jesus our Saviour,
who feeds his people and gives them eternal life.
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,
we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence,
the forgiveness of sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.
Grant that we may continue for ever
in the Risen Life of our Saviour.
Amen.

COMMUNION MOTET

Adam lay ybounden

text: adapted from middle English carol

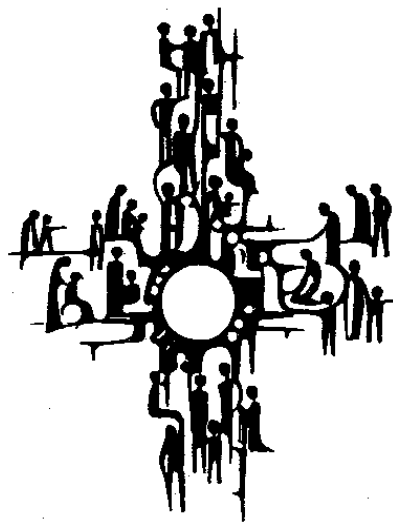
music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

*Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter
thought he not too long.*

*And all was for an apple,
an apple that he took.
As [clerkës](#) finden written
in their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been,
the apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady,
A-been Heaven's Queen.*

*Blessèd be the time
that apple taken was!
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

**O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



BLESSING

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 God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you, those you love and for whom you pray
this day and always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)

music: 'Helmsley' Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! (x3)
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, (x3)
shall the true Messiah see.

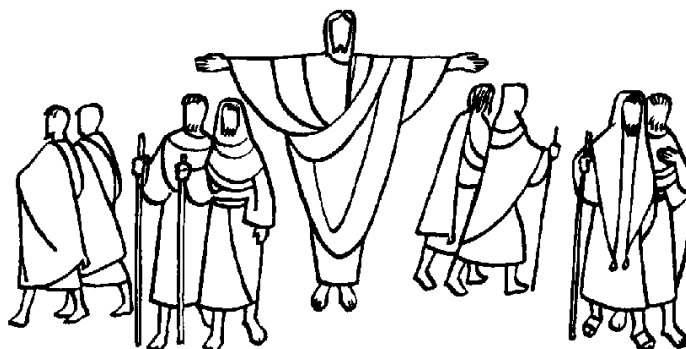
Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, (x3)
gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! (x3)
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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