

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



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## Parish Eucharist – 1st Sunday of Advent



*The Art of Advent – The Light of the World, c. 1900,  
William Holman Hunt*

10am on Sunday 29th November 2020  
President – Revd Mike Trotman – Rector

## **Welcome to St Peter's Church, Parkstone**

The season of Advent is a time of watching and waiting, both for the coming of Jesus as a baby at Christmas, and also for his coming in power and glory at the close of the age. The mood is one of expectant longing for the coming of Christ's Kingdom, as the acclamation at the heart of today's Eucharistic Prayer reminds us: 'Lord Jesus, until you come in glory'. The 'bread of heaven in Christ Jesus' and the 'cup of life in Christ Jesus' are pledges of the Kingdom that is to come when the glory of Christ is fully revealed – but which can be experienced as we offer ourselves afresh to make the Kingdom a reality in our daily living.

As we enter the last few days of our second national lockdown, we are mindful of those who have died in the battle against Covid-19. We give thanks for the promising news about successful vaccines being developed, and for all medical personnel that seek to support the sick. We pray that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Although we cannot take up a collection in our online service, it is possible to make an offering by using the 'donate' button on our website: [www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk](http://www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk). Thank you; we are most grateful for any support you can offer.

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## THE GATHERING

*The service begins with a hymn, please join in at home!*

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
redeem thy captive Israel,  
that into exile drear is gone,  
far from the face of God's dear son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou branch of Jesse, draw  
the quarry from the lion's claw;  
from the dread caverns of the grave,  
from nether hell, thy people save.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright.  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

*Refrain*

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key.  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
and bar the way to death's abode.

*Refrain*

O come, O come, Adonai,  
who in thy glorious majesty  
from that high mountain clothed in awe,  
gavest thy folk the elder Law.

*Refrain*

*Latin 13th century, translated by T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)  
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In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

## **The Advent Candle Lighting**

### *Advent 1 – The Patriarchs*

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.

*One candle is lit*

*All* **Help us, in preparing to celebrate his birth,  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of our hearts.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sin  
that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
*cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

*Silence is kept.*

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

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself

and cleanse you from all your sins,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the  
Collect for today, the 1st Sunday of Advent.*

This Advent, let us pray for hope  
as we wait expectantly for the Lord.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Old Testament Reading

*A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Isaiah 64:1-9, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The New Testament Reading

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please join in with singing the gradual hymn.*

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though the earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
he for fledging-time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

## **The Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

**All Alleluia.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew, '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.'

*Mark 13:24-37, NRSV*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** – *the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector.*

**The Creed** – *We say together in faith*

**All Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**All for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:

*All* **for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

*All* **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

*cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Watchful at all times  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.

*To the bidding*            Lord, in your mercy  
*Please respond*        **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### The 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.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

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

*We are invited to share a sign of peace with those around us.*

*Bread and wine are placed on the altar as we sing our offertory hymn.*

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.  
Chorus

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

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

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

*Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)*

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## **Preparation of the Table**

*The President offers this prayer taking the bread and wine.*

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

**All Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**All Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All 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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Mary, St Peter, St Osmund and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people  
and the Sanctus bell is rung.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread saying:*

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

*All* **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The President invites the people to receive Communion:*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*We make our Spiritual Communion.*

*Reflect on the words of our anthem:*

### **Advent Calendar – David Ogden**

Advent Calendar, a poem by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams was published in his first poetry collection, 'After Silent Centuries' in 1994.

*The cold short days around the winter solstice echo our wintry spirits when our light burns low. Many voices clamour for our attention in Advent. His, the Voice that cries out to us in the night, is the one we must hear, and turn to; and when we have found him, we must never let him go.*

This setting by David Ogden was composed for a BBC Songs of Praise recording from St Albans Church, Bristol in 2012.

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Generous God,**  
you have fed us at your heavenly table.  
**Set us on fire with your Spirit**  
**that when Christ comes again**  
**we may shine like lights before his face,**  
**who with you and the Spirit lives for ever.**  
**Amen.**

*Notices*

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Please join in singing our final hymn*

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!  
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, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
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, with what rapture, with what rapture,  
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, O come quickly, O come quickly,  
alleluia! come, Lord, come!

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

### *Acclamation*

With love and compassion,  
**All come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,  
**All come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory,  
**All come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,  
**All come, Lord Jesus.**

### *The Dismissal Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

*Mark 1.14,15*

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Blessing*

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**All Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**All Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

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

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**