

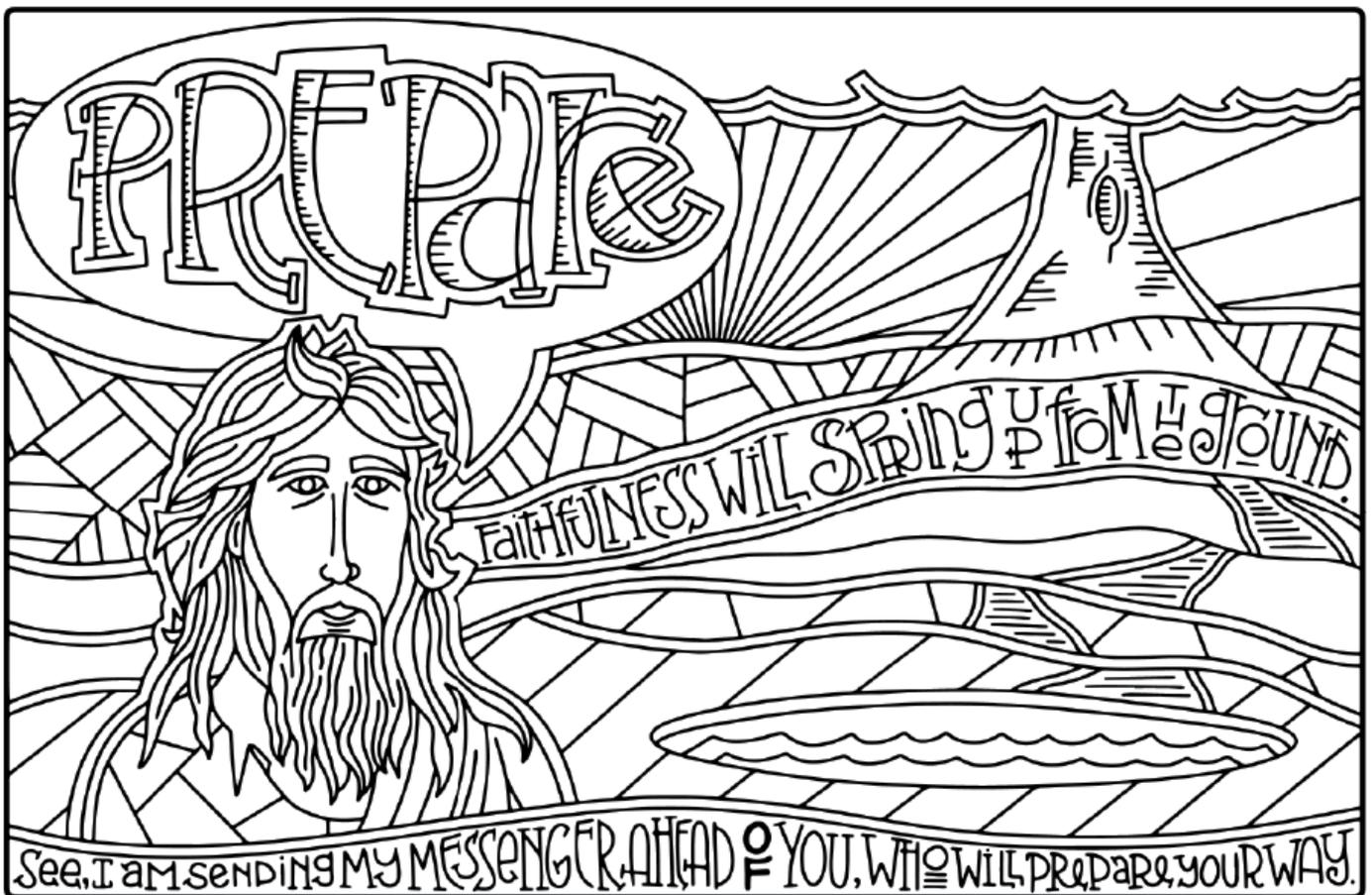
ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE

All Age Eucharist – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Colour me...



PREPARE – Psalm 85:1-11, Mark 1:1-8 and 2 Peter 3:9

10am on Sunday 6th December 2020
President – Revd Mike Trotman – Rector

Feel free to take this service booklet home with you.

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. 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 return to our church building after our second national lockdown, please continue to be cautious; maintaining hand hygiene and social distancing for the duration of our time of worship. 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.*

A collection will not be taken during the service, but there is provision for you to make your offering as you leave the building. It is also possible to make an offering by using the 'donate' button on our website: www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk. Thank you; we are most grateful for any support you can offer.

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THE GATHERING

Please stand as the service begins with a hymn, sung by the choir.

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.**

*Please sit as the President welcomes everyone.
There may be a time to share items for thanksgiving or prayer.*

The Advent Candle Lighting

Advent 2 – The Prophets

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.

Two candles are lit

**All Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

*We say sorry for the wrong we have done against God, the whole world,
and our neighbour.*

Advent is a time of getting ready, getting ready in our own lives,
ready to welcome Jesus once again. We come to God asking for
his forgiveness for all that we have done wrong and remembering
all the wrong in our world.

Silence is kept.

*You are invited to touch and hold the appropriate finger on your left
hand as part of our time of saying sorry.*

Thumb

Lord, forgive us for forgetting that you are God
and for failing to follow your ways.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

First finger

Lord, forgive us for pointing at faults in others
and forgetting our own mistakes.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Longest finger

Lord, forgive us for going our own way
and ignoring your direction for our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Ring finger

Lord, forgive us for hurting those closest to us
and for not building relationships with others.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Smallest finger

Lord, forgive us for overlooking those
who seem to be of no importance
and forgetting how special each one of us is to you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The President introduces a period of silent prayer, and then says the Church's special prayer (Collect) for today, the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

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

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A creative reading – the calling of John the Baptist.

Please sit as the choir sing the gradual hymn.

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
Translated John Chandler (1806-1876)*

All stand to welcome the Gospel.

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.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Mark 1:1-8, NRSV

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for a short talk – the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector.

The Creed

Please stand as 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

Please sit for the prayers – a reflective time to write an Advent prayer.

As we gather expectantly in God's presence,
let us pray.

To the bidding Come, O come, Emmanuel:
Please respond **come and live in us.**

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

Please stand as the President introduces the peace.

The Peace

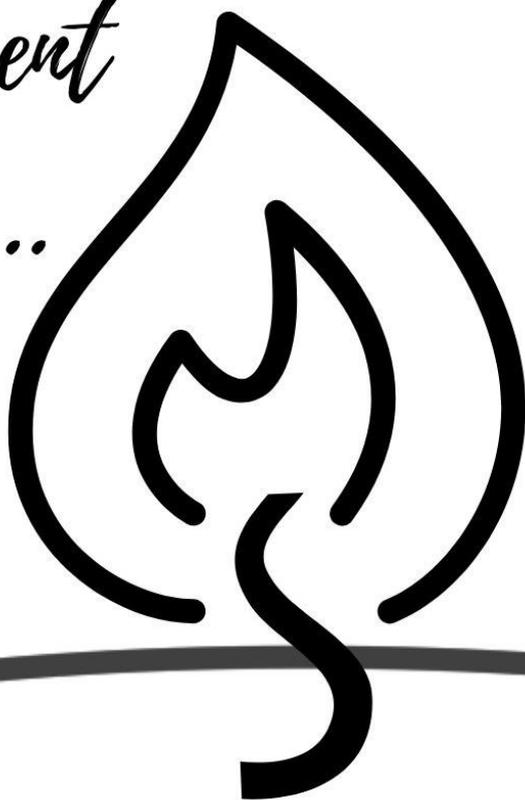
May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

All are invited to share a (socially distanced) sign of peace.

*My Advent
Prayer...*



Write your own prayer for this special season. You could say it each morning or evening until Christmas Day.

Dear God,

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

**Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near.**

**The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed.**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.**

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

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.

We stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

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.

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:

**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.**

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.

**All 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.

**All 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 our story.

**All 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.

**All 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:

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

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people,
and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence.*

After a moment's silence, please sit for The Lord's Prayer.

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 Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The President invites the people to receive Communion:

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

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, Communion will be given in one kind only. Please respect the distance of at least one metre from others as you come forward, and form one line in the central aisle. Please sanitise your hands before receiving the host.

Any visitors who are used to receiving Communion in another Christian church are welcome to receive Communion here today. If you are not a Communicant you are welcome to come forward for a Blessing.

If you would like to receive a Blessing, please bring this service booklet with you. A Blessing will be given maintaining social distance.

Our choir sings the following hymn:

**I cannot tell how he whom angels worship
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers
with his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with perfect love is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'**

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Loving Father,
your Son Jesus Christ has come to us
in word and Spirit, in bread and cup.
Make us holy
and bring us to perfection,
when we stand before him
as he comes to judge the living and the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

We remain seated as the choir sings our final hymn.

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children,
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Please stand for our 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 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 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.

The ministers and people depart.

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if you could please subscribe to the
'St Peter's Parkstone' YouTube channel.*

Warmest wishes for a blessed Advent...



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