

All Saints Kingston

8 December 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our Family Service. There is no children's workshop and we all stay together in church for the whole service.

*The setting of the Mass today is (Byrd) **Mass for four voices***

*The choir will sing the Introit **A tender shoot (Goldschmidt)***

A tender shoot has started
up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted
from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,
from Jesse's root should spring;
the Virgin Mary brought us
the branch of which we sing:
our God of endless might
gave her this child to save us,
thus turning darkness into light.

Silence is kept. We stand to sing:

Hymn 11

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

In a few moments of silence, we remember before God the things we have done that are wrong, always remembering God's readiness to forgive us and set us free from the mistakes of the past.

We say together...

Lord Jesus, we have said and thought and done things that were wrong. We wish that we had done better and are truly sorry. We ask you to forgive us and pray that you will help us to start again and be the people you want us to be. Amen

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

*The Choir will sing the **Kyrie:***

*Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

*Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy*

*Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen

*The first reading today is from **Isaiah**:*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

We stand to sing:

Hymn 12 *At the end the gospel is announced.*

*A reading of the Holy Gospel according to **Matthew**:*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the talk given today by the **Rector, Jonathan Wilkes**, after which silence may be kept*

*After the talk, we will process to the font, singing **hymn 393**, for the baptism of **Constance and Joel***

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Constance and Joel and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All - With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives those being baptised with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism they begin their journey in faith.

You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

We turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

We repent of our sin.

Do you renounce evil?

We renounce evil.

Let us affirm, together with Constance and Joel, our common faith:

Do we believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All - We believe and trust in God.

Do we believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All - We believe and trust in God.

Do we believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All - We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the church.

All - This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The priest asks for God's blessing on the water and then says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth
Who keeps his promise for ever.

*The priest then baptises **Constance and Joel:***

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

I sign you with the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified but fight valiantly under his banner against sin and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. **Amen**

Receive this light of Christ. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

May God who has received you by Baptism into his church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children together of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

We remain standing for the prayers

During the prayers this response may be used:

Lord, in your
mercy
hear our prayer

and at the end:

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

Silence may be kept, after which we stand for the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 14 *during which a collection is taken for the work of our church and the bread and wine for Communion are brought to the altar.*

Holy Communion

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, The glory, the splendour, and the majesty; For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, And of your own do we give you.

The Lord is here.

His 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 right to praise you, Father; Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins: do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him:

his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts

make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

Sit or kneel for The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Silence may be kept.

The priest invites everyone 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.

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.

The Choir sings:

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*followed by the motet **Es ist ein ros (Sandström)***

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen,
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter,
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.*

After Communion we say together:

God of all mercy, you have healed us and given us your forgiveness: help us now to bring healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We sit for the notices then stand to sing:

Hymn: 3 (t ii)

The Blessing after which the minister says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The organ voluntary is: **Trio Sonata II, Largo (Bach)***

NOTICES AND NEWS

Mince pies, mince pies, mince pies

We would be most grateful for donations of mince pies, either shop bought or home made for the Community Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 4.30pm. For the last few years your generosity has contributed greatly to this event. The pies can either be left in the office, or in the cafe right up to, and including the day of the service.

Last Monday lunchtime recital before Christmas - Stephen Westrop

Our previous Organist and Director of Music, Stephen Westrop, will be giving the recital on the organ tomorrow at lunchtime. All welcome.

Stewardship 2020

Just once a year, we reflect on all that All Saints brings to our life, and take stock of what it costs and what we can contribute towards keeping our doors open and the lights on. Definitely not too late to get your returns in.

Burns Night - Saturday 25th January

Sign up if you want to come or take a table, please remember to confirm your booking by giving contact details to the office. Only a few spaces remain. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Regional groups for making friends

We're going to hold small social gatherings in the Kingston area again - one across the river, one to the north and one to the south of Kingston - for All Saints friends and those who'd like to join us. If you'd be willing to host one of these small events in your home please see Jonathan or one of the Wardens.

Help with the Christmas Tree Festival needed

Can you help erect trees and put up lights on our 25 trees for our festival? Help is needed on the 9th December from 11am onwards. The festival launches with an event attended by the Mayor on the 14th December at 11am.

More midweek evensongs through the Autumn - final one before Christmas on 11th December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas cards of All Saints!

Don't forget our 2 designs of Christmas card available from Cards for Good Causes in church.

Mindfulness course

Mandy Beck is co-leading an 8-week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy course on Wednesday evenings from 7pm for 2 hours in the Andrews Wing St John's Church Robin Hood Lane. The first session will be Wednesday 5th February. This course will cost just £40 for the whole 8 weeks. For more details contact fiona@divaski.com

Upcoming film

So long my Son, a Chinese family drama Saturday December 28 at 13:40 at the BFI and the assembled usually go for a meal afterwards. See Jeremy Jeffries if you want to go.

The Children's Society Collection Boxes

Please return collection boxes to Geoff and Mary Warman, or via the office. Thank you

Christmas Carol Service for the whole community - Sunday, 15th December at 4.30pm

The first of our Christmas services followed by mulled wine and mince pies for all. Everyone welcome.

Carols round the Crib

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm and 5.30pm. A chance for children to dress up and be part of the story. All welcome

Readings and music for 15 December 2019

9.30am	Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 Mass: Palestrina Missa Papae Marcelli Motet: Parsons Ave Maria
4:30pm	Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies