

SAINT CUTHBERT'S SUNG EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10th December 2023

Sidespeople today: Pamela and Jane

Serving team: Leander, family and Sharon

Setting: Rawsthorne – Festive Eucharist

Introductory Rites

Please stand when the bell rings.

INTROIT HYMN: 34

The sign of the cross is made as the priest says
✕ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets everyone present.

*The people respond: **And also with you.***

The priest briefly introduces the Eucharist.

Penitential Kyries

Lord Jesus Christ, dwelling here among us:
you are with us every day until the end of time:
open our eyes to the sign of your presence.
Kyrie eleison, **Kyrie eleison**

Lord Jesus Christ, in the glory of the God the
Father: you are with us every day until the
end of time: open our hearts to the joy of
your presence.
Christe eleison, **Christe eleison**

Lord Jesus Christ, you send us the Holy Spirit:
you are with us every day until the end of time:
open our lives to the coming of your Spirit.
Kyrie eleison, **Kyrie eleison**

The priest says the absolution.

*The people respond: **Amen.***

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 for ever.
Amen.

Sit

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*
read by Jane

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
'Console my people, console them' says your
God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and
call to her that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for, that she has
received from the hand of the Lord double
punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries,
'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across
the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every
mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff
become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then
the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all
mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the
Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud
voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout
without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here
is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with
power, his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him, his
trophies all go before him. He is like a
shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs
in his arms, holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated to sing Psalm 85 vv1,2,8-13
LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy
land : thou hast turned away the captivity of
Jacob.

2. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy
people : and covered all their sins.

8. I will hearken what the Lord God will say
concerning me : for he shall speak peace
unto his people, and to his saints, that they
turn not again.

9. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.

10. Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11. Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12. Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

13. Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

SECOND READING

*2 Peter 3:8-14
read by Caroline*

A reading from the second letter of Saint Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Sit

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Stand

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven, *all bow*
and was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.**

**Who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *Kneel*

One of these responses may be made:
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

or
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

After the prayers for the departed:
Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory.

The prayers conclude thus:
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

stand

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The priest introduces the peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 58

Pray, my friends,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God the almighty
Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands, for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good of all
his Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers
and offerings, and, since we have no merits
to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our
rescue with the protection of your mercy,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

PREFACE

...for ever praising you and saying

The Sanctus and Benedictus are sung
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n 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.**

kneel or sit

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

...all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Communion Rite

The priest invites all to join in 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 Agnus Dei is sung
**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us
your peace.**

The priest shows the Host to all and says
Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who
takes away the sins of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his
supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be
healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from
God.

Eucharistic ministers: Rachel and Leander

*If you wish to just receive a blessing, please
go to the Priest carrying this sheet.*

The choir sings Advent Prose

COMMUNION HYMN: 308 *(first tune)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Stand*
Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

Concluding Rite

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Angelus is sung
(The daily prayer commemorating the incarnation)

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now, and at the hour of our
death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
be it unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, etc...

And the Word was made flesh:
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
**that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of thy
Son, Jesus Christ,
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his
Resurrection;
through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 31

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

REFRESHMENTS - *will be served, after the
voluntary, by Claire and Mark W.*