



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

**St Giles', Durham,  
St Cuthbert's, Shadforth and St Mary's, Sherburn**

**A Service of the Word  
29 November 2020  
Advent 1**



*Isaiah 64. 1-9; Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20; 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9;  
Mark 13. 24-end*

## Preparation

### Greeting

O Lord, open our lips  
**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

### Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

#### *Silence is kept*

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **Collect**

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.

**All Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Bible Reading

A reading from the book 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.  
For the word of the Lord  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80. 1-8, 18-20

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*All* **Alleluia.**

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

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

'But 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.

*All*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Reflection**

## **Creed**

*All*    **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

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following response is used:*

Lord, hear us.

*All*    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

## 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.**

## Conclusion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:

*All*    **thanks be to God.  
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Notices

It is lovely that we are able to open the churches for public worship again. With effect from **Sunday 6 December**, services will be as follows:

Sundays	9.00am	Eucharist at St Cuthbert's
	9.30am	Eucharist at St Mary's
	11.00am	Eucharist at St Giles

The Wednesday Holy Communion Services at 10.00am at St Giles and Thursday 10.00am at St Mary's will begin on **Wednesday 16/Thursday 17 December**. Where possible, services from St Giles will be available to join via Zoom.

We will continue with the 6.00pm Evening Prayer Service on Sundays on Zoom.

Rev'd Anthony will light the first Advent Candle during the 10.00am Zoom service this week. If you have already made an advent wreath and candles, do light the first candle on your wreath at the same time. Rev'd Abbey will be doing the same at Evening Prayer.

After this week's Sunday service, if anyone would like to stay on Zoom for a 'virtual' coffee morning, please unmute yourself and join in!

We send our very best wishes to Rev'd Dorothy now that she has finally 'retired'. She will, of course, still be around and we will see her regularly.

### Morning and Evening Prayer 29 November - 5 December

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 29 November</b> <b>Advent 1</b>	Psalm 44 Isaiah 2. 1-5 Luke 12. 35-48	Psalm 25 Isaiah 1. 1-20 Matthew 21. 1-13
<b>Monday 30 November</b> <b>Andrew the Apostle</b>	Psalms 47, 147. 1-12 Ezekiel 47. 1-12 John 12. 20-32	Psalms 87, 96 Zechariah 8. 20-end John 1. 35-42
<b>Tuesday 1 December</b>	Psalms 80, 82 Isaiah 43. 1-13 Revelation 20	Psalms 74, 75 Isaiah 26. 1-13 Matthew 12. 22-37
<b>Wednesday 2 December</b>	Psalms 5, 7 Isaiah 43. 14-end Revelation 21. 1-8	Psalms 76, 77 Isaiah 28. 1-13 Matthew 12. 38-end
<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	Psalms 42, 43 Isaiah 44. 1-8 Revelation 21. 9-21	Psalms 40, 46 Isaiah 28. 14-end Matthew 13. 1-23
<b>Friday 4 December</b>	Psalms 25, 26 Isaiah 44. 9-23 Revelation 21.22 - 22.5	Psalms 16, 17 Isaiah 29. 1-14 Matthew 13. 24-43
<b>Saturday 5 December</b>	Psalm 9 Isaiah 44.24 - 45.13 Revelation 22. 6-end	Psalms 27, 28 Isaiah 29. 15-end Matthew 13. 44-end