

*Guildford Parish Church
of St Nicolas*



*The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday*

Voluntary: Prelude on Veni Emmanuel – R Erickson

The Gathering

Please stand for Hymn 7

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Candle for the week is lit and censed and this prayer is said,

God Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Junior Church are gathered and blessed on their way.

Confession

Priest When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

All We have been afraid of the fierceness of your love
Lord, have mercy.

All We have refused to believe that you are gentle in judgement
Christ, have mercy.

All We have failed to see that your eyes are wise
and your justice restores and heals
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Priest 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.**

The Collect

Priest Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please SIT

A reading from the OLD TESTAMENT

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A reading from the NEW TESTAMENT

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

¶ Please STAND for the Gradual Hymn 12

Gospeller Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ Please SIT

The Homily

¶ Please STAND

The Creed

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.

Intercessions

Reader In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.
Come to your Church as Lord and judge.
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for our neighbours and especially for our school and
Emma our Headteacher.

We pray for our nation - for our Sovereign Lord, Charles our
King and the High Court of Parliament. For our Prime Minister
and those in authority that they may seek the common good.

We pray for our Commonwealth, the nations of the world: our
friends and allies and those who would do us harm. We pray
especially for the Armed Forces of the Crown serving at home
and abroad and especially those who serve away from their
families at this time.

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.
We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit.
We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers,
especially....
Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and
distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
We remember before the throne of grace all those whom we
love and see no longer. We pray for the repose of the souls of
the recently departed; for those whose faith was seen and
those whose faith was known alone to you, O Lord. And we
pray for those whose years' mind falls at this time. We
commend to you

Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you, that with Our Lady and St Nicolas all
your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your
new creation.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Priest Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

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 with you always

All **And also with you**

¶ *The Offertory Hymn 186*

¶ Please remain **STANDING**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest 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: :

Choir *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.

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest Lord, you are holy, indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
*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.*

All (said) Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
 for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Nicolas, George,
Catherine, Benedict, Helena and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching we dare to say,

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe
from all distress, as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fracture

Priest 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.

Communion

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are you who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*The president and people receive communion. You will be directed to the altar by a sidesperson.
During distribution, the choir sings the Adnus Dei and the Anthem, Rejoice in the Lord always –
Anon.*

Prayer after Communion

Priest O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest 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, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Mass is ended.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

¶ Please REMAIN STANDING for the Recessional Voluntary:

Prelude on Veni Emmanuel – Hendrik Franciscus Andriessen

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 21st December

11am Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

4pm The Road to Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm & 5pm Christingle (tickets)

11:30 pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am Christmas Day Mass



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