

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10. 14. R. 1b

R: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**
2. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**
3. All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The LORD's secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Psalm 85(84):8

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

December 1st, 2024
Advent Sunday

And so, once again, we enter that period of penitence, reflection, and anticipation that we call Advent. As the Church's year begins, we listen to Jeremiah's prophesy about the birth of Jesus and about his saving of Judah, and Jesus's own description of the end times.

The usual penitential rite will be replaced during Advent with the Asperges. In this rite, the congregation are sprinkled with holy water, bringing to mind our baptism and the cleansing of our sins.

Throughout Advent, in addition to the collect for the day (overleaf) the traditional collect for Advent will also be used. Here it is:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

Amen.



Entrance Hymn

20 The Lord will come and not be slow

Offertory Hymn

14 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Recessional

25 Ye servants of the Lord

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 2nd: Offices said privately

Tuesday 3rd: *St Francis Xavier, Priest. Morning Prayer, 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

Wednesday 4th: *1st Week of Advent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

Thursday 5th: *1st Week of Advent. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer said privately*

Friday 6th: *St Nicholas, Bishop. Offices said privately*

Friday 7th: St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor. No services in church

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 8th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Mass at 1000 as usual.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

24th December: Children's Crib Service at 1500

24th December: *Midnight Mass at 2330*

25th December: Family Mass at 1000

26th December: *St Stephen, First Martyr, Mass at 1000*

27th December: *St John, Apostle and Evangelist, Mass at 1000*

28th December: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Mass at 1000*

1st January 2025: *Mary the Holy Mother of God, Mass at 1100*

5th January 2025: *Epiphany, Mass at 1000 and Nine Lessons and Carols at 1600*

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

As it's Advent Sunday and the start of the new church year, we are asking you to review the names on our prayer list to ensure that requests remain relevant and up-to-date. If you wish a name to be on the list, please give the details to Susan.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

1st Edmund Francis Day

2nd Albert Rever, Joseph Piggott

4th George Albert Simmonds, Charles Moore, Ada Bland

5th Janet Wilson McKie, Frank Morrish, Ken Franklin

6th Dorothy Gargini, Catherine Diane Bowler

7th Joseph Christopher de Sousa, Kenneth Sibley

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. Come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: From 1st November until 28th November our income was £961.46, but our outgoings were £1,139.78. We must do better than this! Please consider if you are able to increase your contributions to the church, or to set up a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already do so.

JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!