

Swaffham and Sporle United Benefice Eucharist
Sunday 29th November 2020 (Advent Sunday)
*Please join in with the Creed and sections in **bold***

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lighting of the first Advent candle

The Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

The priest says

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. **Amen.**

The Collect

First reading (Isaiah 64: 1 - 9)

The Epistle (I Corinthians 1: 3 - 9)

Gradual Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

The Gospel (Mark 13: 24 - end)

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

After: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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, 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.

The Intercessions

The response to *Lord in your mercy* is **Hear our prayer**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

These dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise.....

....Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Lord, you are holy indeed.....

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.....

....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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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

Prayer after Communion

**O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that,
when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in
sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

.....the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary

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At the time of writing, the second lockdown is due to end on 2nd December 2020. The guidelines are different this time, so Sunday services can be recorded in church and live-streamed to Facebook, and opening for individual prayer is possible when stewards are available.

It is planned that the next 'face to face' service will be our 9.30 Eucharist on 6th December.