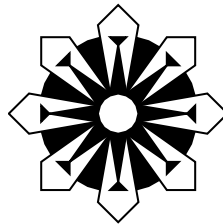


The Church of St David & St Patrick

Service of the Holy Eucharist for Advent



*Bring to this holy place
all that troubles you
and let God help and heal your life.
Bring your joys
and let God fill them with delight.
Receive here God's touch to your heart
in word and prayer
in bread and wine,
for God knows you are here
and seeks you.
Go from this place
and take something
of the peace and joy of worship.
And notice that outside
God is smiling to you in every face.*

We Gather as the Community of St. David and St. Patrick

The Priest welcomes the community in the name of Christ.

Processional Hymn

Priest The grace of our Advent Christ,
 The love of the creator,
 And the unfolding of the Spirit
 Be with you all.

All And also with you.

Minister Christ, from eternity the living word of God,
**All Come from the darkness into the light,
 unfolding the purposes of God**

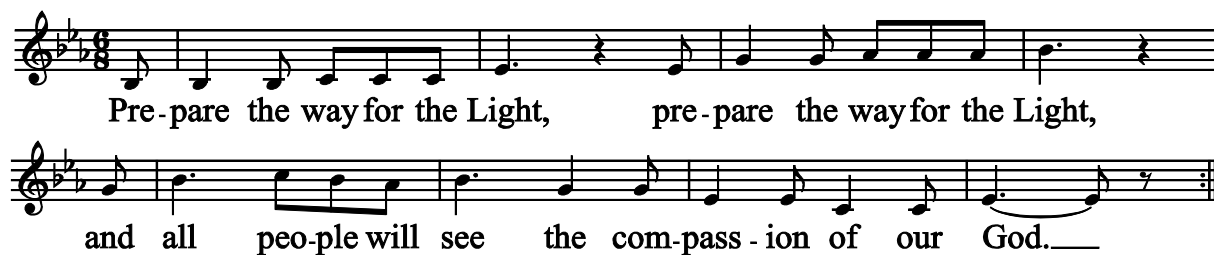
Minister We wait in the darkness for you to break upon us.
**All Bring light to our lives,
 and bring your purpose to our hearts.**

Minister Be attentive, O child of God.
**All Remember all is one,
 all is in God.
 Approach with love.
 Love with all your heart,
 Love with all your soul,
 love with all your mind,
 love with all your strength.**

**Remember you are beloved.
So too is your neighbour.
Therefore love your neighbour
as you love yourself.**

The Liturgy of the Advent Candles

The congregation gathers, singing, in a 'human Advent wreath' around the worship space.



Pre- pare the way for the Light, pre- pare the way for the Light,
and all peo-ple will see the com-pass - ion of our God.---

Music: Jacques Berthier/Taizé Community; Text: Roger C. Bond

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Priest Love surrounds and supports us
in our journey to become the holy people of God.

**All Awake, sleepers,
rise to meet the power of hope.**

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Priest The messenger is sent to prepare the way.

All Ready your hearts to receive the word of God.

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Priest Mary carried the promise, the hope and the light.

All May we spread that light in all we say and do.

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Priest Believing he was alone in the darkness,
Joseph was given wisdom, purpose, and peace.

All In our darkness, may we see we are never truly alone.

Minister Be attentive, O child of God.

The children process downstairs for Godly play.

The congregation will return to their seats.

Collect for Advent

Minister Gracious and loving God,
**All In this darkest time of the year we wait for Christ.
Where we stand all is darkness around us,
No path is clear,
and every prayer seems prisoner of our pain.
Come with a gentleness that calms our fears.
God of our brokenness, make us whole.**

We Hear The Spirit in Scripture, Word and Music

Reading(s)

Reader A reading from.....

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

A Hymn or Choir Anthem is sung

The Gospel Reading

Reader May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The story of Jesus the Christ, according to ...

All Glory to Christ, our path in the darkness.

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Reader This is the story of Jesus the Christ.

All Praise to Christ, our hope in the light.

The Sermon

Standing, We Proclaim Our Faith

You, O God, are holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us
in embodying your divine presence in Jesus;
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit
You empower us to be your gospel in the world and
to live your grace and mercy.
You reconcile and heal.
You overcome death.
Our unbroken hope is sustained in you.**

You are God.

*Adapted from "Affirmation of Faith"
He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, A New Zealand Prayer Book.*

We Offer Our Prayers, Our Gifts, and Our Selves

We pray together with words, and with silence.

Minister God of those who await the light,
All Hear now our prayer of longing and hope.

We Share the Peace of Christ

Priest May peace be within us,
May peace be among us.
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

We Offer The Work of Our Labours

Priest Receive, O God, these gifts
 presented by your people for the work of your church.

We Offer the Fruits of the Field

Priest Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
 For you have given us this bread of the earth,
 Which you have fashioned with the work of human hands.

All 
It will be-come for us the Bread of Life.

Priest Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
 For you have given us this fruit of the vine,
 Which you have fashioned with the work of human hands.

All 
It will be-come for us the Cup of Bless-ing.

The Prayer of Consecration

(kneeling, sitting or standing)

(see music in the Red Music Folder, #1)

Priest May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to God.**

Priest Let us give thanks to our God.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of unbroken hope.
With Hagar, Sarah and Isaiah,
your people walked with you
in times of adversity and abundance.
In times of brokenness and in times of wholeness,
you gave hope to their journey.

You came to us in the birth of a child,
loved and raised by Mary and Joseph.
In a simple home, Jesus grew in your love,
your divine grace and mercy incarnate,
becoming Christ for all people.

In your continued presence you invite each of us
to live in the wholeness that is Christ

And so with prophets, apostles and saints,
the People of God, those who walked with Jesus,
and the faithful community who went before us,
we join our voices, singing

All

**Holy, holy, holy One.
God of passion and life.
Heaven and earth are full of your radiance.
Our praises in the highest.**

**Bless'd is the one who comes
in the name of our God.
Our praises in the highest.**

Priest

Blessed are you, Gracious God,
inviting us into the community of Jesus the Christ.
For as his death drew near,
he gathered at table with his friends
To nourish them with unbroken hope.
He took bread, blessed it, and offered it to them, saying,
"Take this and eat it. It is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

He took wine, blessed it, and offered it to them, saying,
“Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood,
the sign of a new and eternal covenant,
offered for you that you may be restored in God.
When you drink it, do this in memory of me.”

Welcome, Holy Spirit,
accept our gifts and fulfill all who gather at this table,
that as we eat of this bread,
we may be filled with your presence
and as we drink of this cup,
we may quench our thirst for wholeness in Christ.

As we gather at your table,
we thank you for your presence in the Holy Spirit,
and for your yearning for us.
As Mary was willing to bear Jesus into life,
help us to carry Christ within us,
and eagerly await the new life which is yet to come.
With joyful hands and hearts,
we receive your bread and wine,
opening ourselves to hope.

In Christ’s name we pray....

**All Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest We break this bread
All **Waiting patiently for Christ to shine in the darkness.**

The priest will invite people to receive Communion

Following Communion, We Pray Together

All **God of those who await the Light,
you have fed us with holy food,
nourished us with holy drink,
and prepared our hearts for the birth of the Holy One.
Let the light of your coming Messiah Child
Illuminate the darkness within and around us.
Hear now our joyful song of longing and hope
and send through us your healing touch anew.
In the name of Jesus,
the Advent Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

We Bless Each Other

All **The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

The priest blesses the community

Priest May the God of the darkness ,
 The God of our longing and our hope,
 Calm our fears,
 And light the way of new birth.

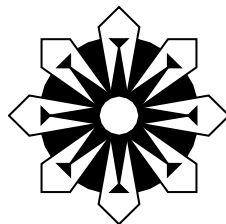
 And the blessing of the one God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,
 be upon you to keep you in the way of life
 now and always. Amen

We Hear The Announcements of Our Community

Events for the coming week will be announced.

For other events, please see the weekly bulletin.

We Go Out Into The World, Singing Joyfully



*This service has been prepared by members of the
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