Holy Eucharist
for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudate Sunday
13 December, 2020
Great St Mary’s, the University Church, Cambridge

An All-Age Service

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The Gathering

The Rev’d Devin McLachlan, presiding, says

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
And also with you.

The president welcomes everyone, and introduces the service
God is light. We all can know Him.
All can see His face in Christ,
In His voice hear heaven's wisdom,
See God smile in human eyes,
Feel His power, taste His mercy,
Find a love that bleeds and dies,
Find a love that bleeds and dies.

God is light. We share His glory
As we live and love in Him.
We can walk in holy freedom
As He lives and grows within.
Lay aside your deeds of darkness.
Let eternal day begin!
Let eternal day begin!

God is light. Display His beauty!
Live a kindness all divine.
Prove His grace to all around you.
Love is still His seal and sign.
Share forgiveness. Show compassion.
Live His goodness! Let it shine!
Live His goodness! Let it shine!

Words by Ken Bible
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The Liturgy of Penitence

The president introduces the prayer of confession

Confession

Christ came in humility to share our lives
Forgive our pride.
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

Christ came with good news for all people
Forgive our silence.
Christe, Christe eleison.

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering
Forgive our self-centredness.
Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

The president says words of forgiveness

May almighty God have mercy up on you
Forgive you your sins
And bring you to everlasting life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**
The Collect.

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
help us to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel Reading

The righteous shall shine like the sun
in the kingdom of the Father
All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:1–9

The reading ends with

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Christingle Talk

Carolynn Pritchard, Children’s Minister

The Christingle begins with an orange, Telling us of the world God made. For creation is full of his glory; All around we see his love displayed.

Sing hristingle, sing Christingle, sing Christingle, it’s the light of Christ. Sing hristingle, sing Christingle, sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Every year we give thanks for the seasons, And the fruits of the earth to share. The Christingle is here to remind us That the love of God is everywhere.

Chorus
God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
We remember his birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle,
Tells the story of his cross and pain

Chorus

To complete the Christingle: a candle,
Shining out in the darkest night.
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;
Come and celebrate the world’s true light!

Chorus
Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer ends with Jesus our Light

All Hear our Prayer
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
The dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
And in the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.
The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven’s song:

Everyone sings (to the tune ‘Slane’)

Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
In power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.
This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.
Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power**
**be yours for ever and ever.**
Amen.

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**The Lord's Prayer**

*All*  
**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.

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**Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

*All*  
**Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

You may wish to make an act of spiritual communion at this point, using one or more of the following prayers:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

After St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.
Amen.

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
**The Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, O Lord,
For these heavenly gifts;
Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
That when your Christ comes again
We may shine as lights before his face;
Who is alive and reigns now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
*Fill this land with the Father's glory*
*Blaze, Spirit, blaze*
*Set our hearts on fire*
*Flow, river, flow*
*Flood the nations with grace and mercy*
*Send forth your word*
*Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

**Chorus**
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

The Dismissal

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Son 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, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you,
now and always
Amen

Go into the World
To walk in God's Light
To rejoice in God's love
And to reflect God's Glory

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

We share with one another Christ's peace, which transcends all distance.
After our service, please join us for a Zoom coffee hour!
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91808611088
Password: 1205
Meeting ID: 918 0861 1088

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