

Ring of the Bells

Prelude

Opening Hymn

CP #29
Hills of the North Rejoice

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Gathering

The Greeting

CW 167

*Break forth together into singing you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people.*

The Collects

CW 376/7

Advent Candle Liturgy

*Be strong in hope for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.*

Lord make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: The Coming Messenger

Please

sit

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Alleluia Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: The Proclamation of John the Baptist

Luke 3.1-6

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Sunday School Nativity

This may be followed by a short period of silent reflection

Sunday School Dance

Prayers of Intercession

R: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

*In the tender mercy of our God the dawn 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.*

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;

Draw us from hatred to love;

Make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

Offertory Hymn

CP #58

Long ago Prophets knew

*during which donations of Toys will also be brought
forward for Blessing*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer D

CW 194

The Lord's Prayer

CW 178

In whichever language suits you.

Breaking of the Bread

CW 179

Giving of Communion

CW 181

*All baptised Christians are invited to participate in the
Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a Blessing.*

Prayer after Communion

The Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn V1 led by SST all join in with second verse*

Away in a Manger

The Blessing and Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please be seated