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30<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
10:00 Parish Communion  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
Blended Worship

In support of

# COMBAT STRESS

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FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

November Charity of the Month: **Combat Stress**



# The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment  
which bore the symbol of your cross  
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection  
be with the Royal Yorkshire Regiment,  
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable  
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.  
We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

**All**      **Amen.**



## **Opening Hymn: Hills of the North, Rejoice**

- 1. Hills of the North, rejoice,  
river and mountain-spring,  
hark to the advent voice;  
valley and lowland, sing.  
Christ comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.**
- 2. Isles of the Southern seas,  
sing to the listening earth,  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
In Christ shall all be made anew,  
his word is sure, his promise true.**



## Opening Hymn: Hills of the North, Rejoice

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3.      Lands of the East, arise,  
          he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
          praise shall his path adorn:  
your seers have longed to know their Lord;  
to you he comes, the final word.
4.      Shores of the utmost West,  
          lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
          in whom the dawn has come:  
he brings a never-ending light  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.



## Opening Hymn: Hills of the North, Rejoice

5.      **Shout, as you journey home,  
         songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the North they come,  
         from East and West and South:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the universe be blest.**

Editors of *English Praise* 1975  
based on Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865)



## The Gathering

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

**All**     **Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**All**     **and also with you.**





## Prayer of Preparation

**All** 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.



# Lighting of the Advent Wreath



## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**All      Amen.**



## Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.



## Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**



# Absolution

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.

**All**     **Amen.**



# The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin  
to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All**     **Amen.**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (2:1-5 NRSV)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.





# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13:11-14 NRSV).

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**



## Second Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

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1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.



## Second Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

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3. All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (b. 1929)



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44 NRSV).

**All**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Gospel Reading

<sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All** Praise to you, O Christ





Sermon  
The Revd Lorna Heatley

# The Creed

**All** 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.





# The Creed

**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.**



# The Creed

**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.**





**Intercessions**





# The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



## Hymn at preparation: The Advent of Our God

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1.       The advent of our King  
          our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing  
          in strains of holy joy.
2.       The everlasting Son  
          incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on,  
          to set his servants free.
3.       Daughter of Sion, rise  
          to meet thy lowly King;  
nor let thy faithless heart despise  
          the peace he comes to bring.



## Hymn at preparation: The Advent of Our God

4. As judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite  
with him in heaven to reign.
5. All glory to the Son  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever One,  
through all eternity.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
*tr.* John Chandler (1808-1876)





# Preparation of the Table



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.  
**All** Amen.

## Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All** **All things come from you,**  
**and of your own do we give you.**





# 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.



It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.



And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

**All** 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, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All** **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
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.

**All**     **Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so 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.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.





## 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.

## Agnus Dei

**All** 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.



## Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.



## Communion Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

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1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.



# Communion Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

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4. **My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.**

*Scottish Psalter (1650)*  
Psalm 23



## Prayers 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.

**All**    **Amen.**



## Prayers after Communion

**All**     Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





Notices

## **Final Hymn: The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow**

- 1. The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.**
- 2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.**
- 3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.**





## Final Hymn: The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

4. The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy name.
5. For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.

Psalms 82, 85, 86  
John Milton (1608-1674)



## Blessing

Christ the Sun 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 among you and remain with you always.

**All**    **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

