

CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH
LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion Service order
(Sunday 6th December 2020)
Year B

A service of Holy Communion at Caversham Park (Forth Order)

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(On Screen)

Let us worship God.

This is the day which the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord;
for God's love endures for ever.

Prayer of Approach

Let us pray.

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.**

Hymn 2 - On Jordan's bank

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness.

(On Screen)

**Lord God most merciful,
we confess that we have sinned,
through our own fault,
and in common with others,
in thought, word and deed,
and through what we have left undone.**

We ask to be forgiven.

**By the power of your Spirit
turn us from evil to good,
help us to forgive others,
and keep us in your ways of righteousness and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(On Screen)*

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish
but may have eternal life.

To all who repent and believe,

we declare, in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit:
God grants you the forgiveness of your sins.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us: that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading 1 - Isaiah 40:1-11 (NIV)

Reading 2 - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (NIV)

Hymn 3 - Arise, Your Light Has Come

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

Video insert before Sermon – Love comes down at Christmas

Sermon

Hymn 4 - Let There be peace on Earth

Intercessions

Gracious words

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. *John 6:35*

Anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away. *John 5:37*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Peace be with you.

Hymn 5 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus [with lyrics for congregations]

The offertory (*This may be taken with the Hymn*)

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we come with these gifts to offer our sacrifice of praise and the service of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Narrative of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

Hear the narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper as it was recorded by the apostle Paul.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

The Taking of the Bread and wine

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and following his example, we take this bread and this cup, and give thanks to God.

The Thanksgiving (*On Screen*)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

We praise you that through his coming your promises given by the prophets were fulfilled, and that the day of our deliverance has dawned; and, as we look for the triumph of his Kingdom, we exult with holy joy.

(On Screen)

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.

Holy Lord God, by what we do herein remembrance of Christ we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the Cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom. We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command unite us to Christ as one body in him, and give us strength to serve you in the world. And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(On Screen)*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took bread and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also the cup saying
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

If the narrative of the institution has been used earlier in the service, as the bread is broken the minister may say:

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

And as the cup is raised the minister may say:

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Distribution of the Bread and Wine then follows:

The Acclamation *(On Screen)*

Let us praise the Lord.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.
Blessing and honour and glory
and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

(On Screen)

**Most gracious God,
we praise you for what you have given
and for what you have promised us here.
You have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.**

**Now we give ourselves to you;
and we ask that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and that our love may be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Dismissal and Blessing:
Go in peace to serve the Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn - Make Way (with Lyrics)