St Columba, Collingtree



Morning Worship 28th November 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Service Leader Rev'd James Howson

A warm welcome to our online service this morning. We do hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

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We say together the words printed in bold.

Opening sentence.

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to Israel and to the house of Judah.'

Jeremiah 33:14

Hymn: O come, O come Immanuel

The Song of Zachariah

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

- ⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and set them free.
- ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
- ⁷⁰ (as he said through his prophets long ago),
- 71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us -
- ⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
- ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
- ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear
- ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
- ⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,
- ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
- ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
- ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the path of peace."
- ⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

from Luke 1 v 68 - 80

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Almighty God, have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

May Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, grant you his pardon and his peace, now and for ever.

Amen

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; so let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire for you; now and for ever.

Amen

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 25: v 1 - 9:

- ¹ In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
- I trust in you;
 do not let me be put to shame,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
- ⁴ Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.
- ⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.
- ⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

In you Lord my God, I put my trust.

Reading: *Jeremiah 33 v 14 – 16*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Make way, make way

Reading: Luke 211 v 25 - 36

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk

Hymn: Guide me O thou great redeemer

Prayers:

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your son,,
Our saviour, Jesus Christ
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
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 forever.
Amen.

Hymn: Lo - He comes with clouds descending Closing prayer

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, Scatter the darkness from beneath your path, And make you ready to meet Him when He comes; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you now and always.

Amen.