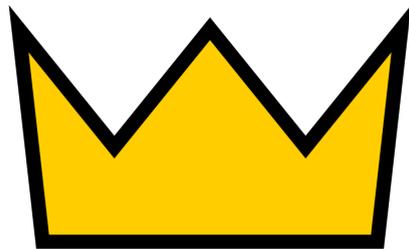


Holy Trinity 
West Bromwich

All Together Advent Worship

20th December 2020

The Perfect King



Preparing for Worship (stand if able)

The Lord himself will give you a sign:

the virgin will conceive

and give birth to a son,

and will call him Immanuel.

O Come, O come, Lord Jesus

Let your light shine in the world.

Save us from our sin.

The Collect for the 4th Sunday in Advent

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power

and help us with your great might so that,

although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness

from running the race set before us,

your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us

through the work of your Son our Lord

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be honour and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Confessing our Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour

in thought and word and deed,

through negligence, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaring God's Forgiveness

O people, put your hope in the LORD. **His love endures forever.**
He is called Jesus, **because he will save his people from their sins**
(from Psalm 130 and Luke 1)

Song: One Still Night

Affirming Our Faith (stand)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remembering God's Word

Which of the kings joined forces to fight against each other?

What did God tell king Ahaz to do?

What sign did God promise Ahaz?

What are God's lessons for us today?

Reading from the Bible (stand)

Isaiah 9:1-7

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered

the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Reflecting on God's Word

Praying Together

Praying for our Church, our World, our community and for the sick

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 is 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.

SONG: Angels from the realms of glory

Pronouncing God's Blessing

LORD God Almighty, you have given your people a sign

For to us a child is born, he is called Immanuel, God with us.

Now let his name be wonderful for all people,

Our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let his presence go with us

And give us rest. Amen

Notices

After our service we can meet outside in groups of six only. Sadly, no mingling between groups.

Christmas Services

Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion at 11am - PCC has agreed to have our first Communion since lockdown on Christmas morning. We have considered advice on being Covid safe. Please bring your own small glass and a plate in an airtight bag.

If you are not able to come to communion on Christmas Day, wherever you are, you can stop to pray and unite spiritually with your brothers and sisters by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you would like a copy of the words, they will be on the church website or you can ask Neil for a copy. We hope to be able to have communion again more regularly and will be reviewing this as the situation changes.

Please remember that Communion is a means of God's grace which draws his people together to eat with him and yet we have already received every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) and are already raised up and seated with him in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6). If you can't be in church, all Christ's people are one body by the Holy Spirit.

The Service on **Sunday 27th December** will ONLY be on YouTube at 11am.

Activities this week:

Advent Daily Prayer on YouTube. Visit the Holy Trinity West Brom YouTube channel from 6am Monday to Thursday for an Advent bible reading and prayer. <https://www.youtube.com/c/HolyTrinityWestBrom>

Advent Daily Bible readings for young people. Visit our church website or Facebook page to follow Advent readings for all ages.

<https://holytrinitywb.org/all-age-advent-bible-time/>

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowships. We're taking a break. Back in January. Watch this space.

Keeping in contact and asking for help in times of need

We realise that we don't know from week to week why some people are not able to join our Sunday services. If you are ill, shielding or are unable to come to Sunday service for any other reason and would like Neil or Helen to know so that they can speak or pray with you, please call or text to tell them or ask someone else to let them know.

Church staff leave

All staff are on leave from Christmas Eve, except Neil who is on leave from Boxing Day. Next Sunday's service will be on YouTube and Neil will lead the first service of the New Year, on Sunday 3rd January and ministries will pick up from that week.

We hope that everyone at Holy Trinity experiences the joy and gladness of Christ this Christmas as we celebrate his birth with people all over the world.

If anyone is in need of a Christmas lunch, and you can't share your own with them, Amanda and I will prepare and deliver lunch to neighbours in need. Please let us know if there is someone you know who we can serve this way.

May all the blessings of Christ be ours in abundance as we end this difficult year and prepare to begin 2021 with Christ our loving Shepherd who is us by His Spirit, beside us as our friend and before us as our risen Saviour.

In His Name, Neil