



All Together Advent Worship

6th December 2020

**Getting rid of confusion
Seeing Jesus clearly**

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.

Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Collect for the 2nd Sunday in Advent

Blessed Lord, who caused the holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that through patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading from the Bible (stand if able)

Mark 8:22-33



²² They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. ²³ He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spat on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, 'Do you see anything?'

²⁴ He looked up and said, 'I see people; they look like trees walking around.'

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, 'Don't even go into the village.'



²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

²⁸ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'



²⁹ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Reflecting on God's Word

Signs we are suffering confusion in society

Jesus came into this confused world to end our confusion.

Seeing Jesus with fuzzy eyes, being confused

Seeing clearly why Jesus was born to die

Affirming Our Faith (stand if able)

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.

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)

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: Come thou long expected Jesus

Pronouncing God's Blessing

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Notices

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

Activities this week:

Advent Daily Prayer on YouTube. Visit the Holy Trinity West Brom YouTube channel from 6am Monday to Friday 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.

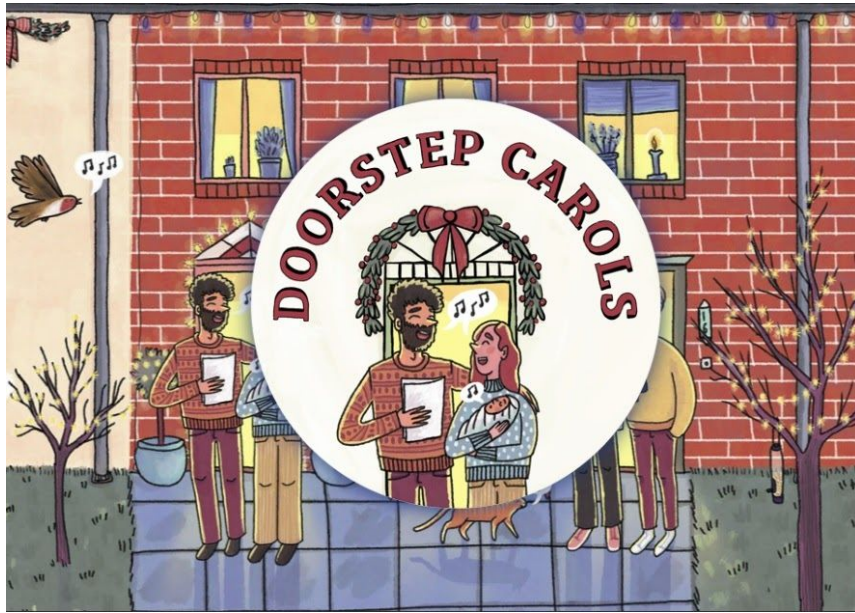
<https://holytrinitywb.org/all-age-advent-bible-time/>

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowships. On Zoom (internet meeting) Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Ask Neil for an invitation.

Zoom Cake and Chat: Thursdays at 9am for up to two hours. Amanda can provide the internet link for access if you'd like to join in.

PCC meeting. Monday 7th December at 7:30pm on Zoom. Please be praying for your PCC as your representatives discuss plans for the quinquennial maintenance of the church buildings and other important matters.

Doorstep Carols - Wednesday 16th December from 6pm to 7pm



BBC WM is joining other local BBC radio stations across the UK to serve communities this Christmas by playing Carols for one hour on Wednesday 16th December from 6pm.

Imagine everyone on your street, standing on their doorstep with a radio tuned in to BBC WM (95.6FM), with a copy of a carol sheet and singing together about the birth of Jesus.

For more information visit

<https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/is-your-area-involved-/west-midlands>

There are two ways you can join in.

Organise with your neighbours to sing on your doorsteps. Tell people what is happening. We have printed invites to pass around your neighbours. People can download and print the carol sheets from the website or, if you need to, we can print them in church.

If your neighbours don't want to do it, we'll ask our neighbours along Mary Road, Burlington Road and Trinity Street will be invited and people from other streets can stand in the church yard to join in.