



# St Mary's Church

Prestwich GROWING • GIVING • SERVING



## Eucharist During Advent 2020

*During this period please observe social distancing and sit in the pews provided for worshippers. Please remain seated unless directed within the service.*

*Please use the sanitizers provided at the entrance and exit and before receiving Communion. The distribution of the elements will be in one kind.*

*There will be no collection taken. Please leave your free will offering on the plate provided at the entrance and exit. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work at St.Mary's.*

## Organ Voluntary

### *Please Remain Seated*

In the name of the Father,  
(+) and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the lighting of the  
Advent Wreath.*

*These prayers are used:*

#### *Week 1*

People of God: awake!  
The day is coming soon  
when you shall see God face to face.  
Remember the ways and the works of God.  
God calls you out of darkness  
to walk in the light of his coming.  
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

#### *Week 2*

People of God: be glad!  
Your God delights in you,  
giving you joy for sadness  
and turning the dark to light.  
Be strong in hope therefore;  
for your God comes to save.  
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

#### *Week 3*

People of God: return!  
You are called to be God's own.  
From the mountains announce the good news.  
God comes in justice and peace,  
to all who follow his ways.  
You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

#### *Week 4*

God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of your Son.

Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to your call with joy.  
Help us, whom you call to serve you,  
to share like her in your great work  
of bringing to our world your love  
and healing.

**Lord, inspire us to respond to the call of  
Christ in this holy season,  
today and every day. Amen.**

*The Priest says words of greeting and intro-  
duces the confession.*

*After a brief silence, all say:*

Lord, have mercy,  
**Lord, have mercy,**  
Christ, have mercy,  
**Christ, have mercy,**  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest prays the absolution:*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you (+) your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

*The Priest prays the Collect (the prayer for the  
day) and all respond:*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for one reading from Scripture. At  
the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the the Gospel*

## The Gospel

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

#### *At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

*Please sit for the Sermon*  
**Sermon**

*At the end of the sermon a time of silence is  
kept. Please stand for the Creed:*

#### **Creed**

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.

*Please remain seated for the*

*Prayers of Intercession:*  
**Intercessions**

*During the prayers, this response may be used:*  
Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*The Peace is introduced by the Priest.  
Please remain seated and pass the Peace in  
gesture only.*

#### **Peace**

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

*Please remain seated whilst the altar is  
prepared and the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed.*

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and  
all join in saying:*

#### **Sanctus**

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.

*The Priest recalls the last supper and this ac-  
clamation is used:*

Great is the mystery of faith  
Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

*The Priest continues to retell of the mighty acts of God.*

*The Eucharistic Prayer ends with all responding:*

**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say:*

**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 Priest breaks the bread saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Body and Blood of Christ  
**Amen.**

*Communion will be distributed in silence*

*All are welcome, whether to receive Holy Communion or for a blessing.  
Please follow the direction of the Stewards,  
observe social distancing and sanitise your hands before and after receiving the Sacrament.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*The Priest says the Prayer after Communion, ending*  
**Amen**

*All pray together:*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
and you have united us with Christ and one another;  
Now send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the light and life of Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.**

*Please remain seated*

## Notices

*Please stand for the blessing:*

## Blessing

*which ends:*

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, (+) the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

As we await our coming Saviour.  
Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Organ voluntary

*Please leave the church by the exits indicated and please take your order of service with you.*