

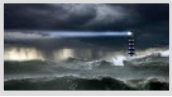


# SERVICE ORDER

Sunday 20 December 2020

**Becoming God's  
home from home**

**Heart & Anchor Church**



**9.45am** Zoom starts admitting people

*As we gather we will play*

**Hymn:** [The Angel Gabriel sung by Sting](#)

**10.00am Welcome and introduction**

The Lord is Here

**His Spirit is with us**

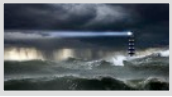
- *As usual, we will mute everyone unless they are speaking. If you speak, you will need to respond to the invitation to unmute yourself to do so.*
- *A reminder if you haven't got it already that you are invited to bring a glass of water as well as bread and/or wine if you wish to consume at the time of communion.*
- *If you need or want to communicate with the host or everyone please feel free to use the chat facility. E.g. if you want to respond to the singing or testimony or preaching or if you have a technical issue and want help.*

**Opening prayer**

**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.**

**Confession**

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.



**Short penitential sentences may be inserted between the petitions.**

God, through Jesus Christ,  
will judge the secret thoughts of all:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'  
will enter the kingdom of heaven:

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Let anyone who has an ear  
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches:

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**All Amen.**

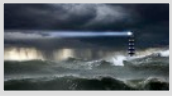
**The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God,  
As Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
So we wait for his coming in glory;  
Bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
To see, with her, our great salvation  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Lighting the Advent Candle*



## **Old Testament Reading**

### **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

#### *God's Covenant with David*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant

David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'



Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

**This is the Word of the Lord**

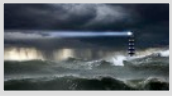
***Thanks be to God***

**silence**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,



and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

cf Isaiah 40.3–5

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

***New Testament Reading***

**Luke 1:26-38**

***The Birth of Jesus Foretold***

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The

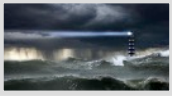


angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

***At the end***

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**



Advent 4 Zoom Sunday Worship for St Clement's & St Augustine's 20.12.2020

### ***Scratch Nativity from Home***

***by members of St Augustine's and St Clement's Sunday groups and their parents.***

**Talk** *by Rosy Fairhurst*

**Song:** [\*Of the Father's Love Begotten sung by the St Martin's Chamber Choir\*](#)

### **Declaration of Faith**

Christ has died

**Christ has died**

Christ has risen

**Christ has risen**

Christ will come again

**Christ will come again**

I believe, Alleluia!

**I believe, Alleluia!**

### **Prayers**

*The response to each bidding is:*

**Maranatha:**

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,



one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace – in person or by text or  
message! Zoom peace is saved for coffee time!

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,

### **The Blessing**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
Be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

### **Notices**

### **The Dismissal**

As we await our coming Saviour,  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Final hymn: [O come all ye faithful sung at Kings College Cambridge](#)*