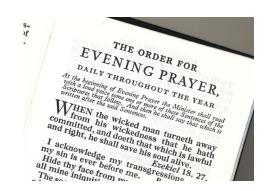
# PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' CARSHALTON

# **EVENSONG FOR ADVENT 3**

15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024



#### The minister offers a welcome; we then begin with the General Confession:

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

## The general Confession is said by the whole Congregation, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution is prayed for by the minister, standing: the people still kneeling:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

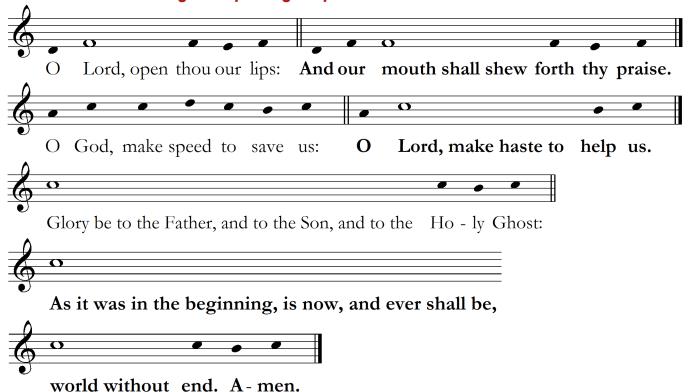
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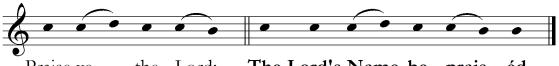
#### Then the minister and People shall say the Lord's Prayer:

OUR Father,

which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

#### Please STAND to sing the opening responses:





Praise ye\_\_\_ the Lord: The Lord's Name be prais - éd

#### We recite Psalm 50:1-6, pausing at the ♦. Please SIT:

The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken ♦ and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

## Out of Sion hath God appeared ♦ in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence • there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above ◆ and the earth, that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me • those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

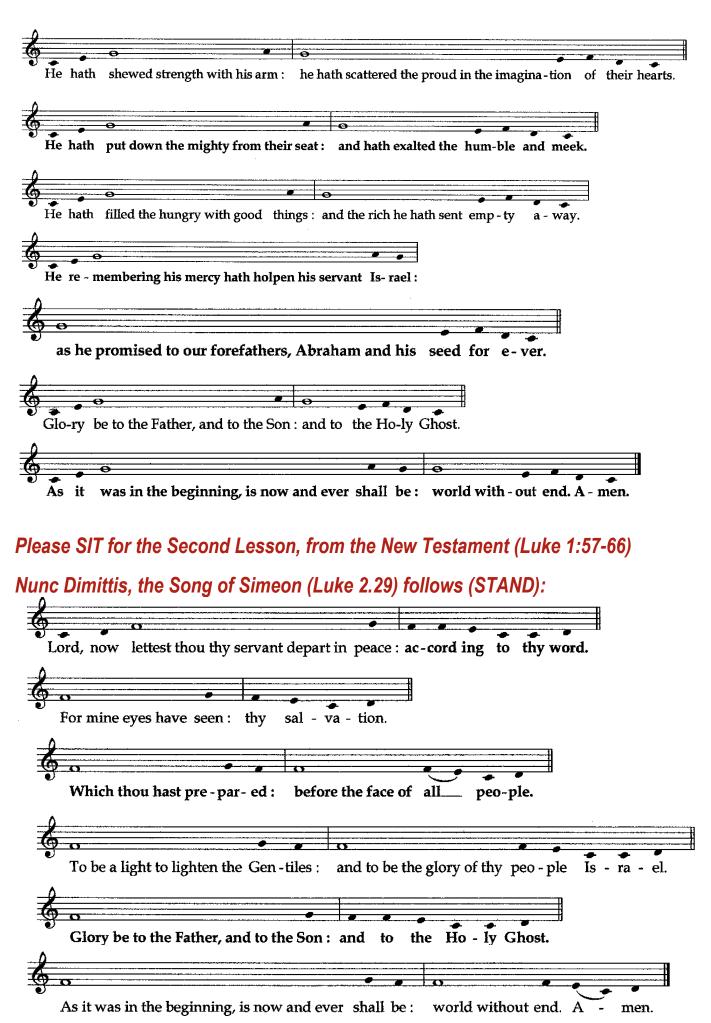
And the heavens shall declare his righteousness ♦ for God is Judge himself.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson, from the Old Testament (Isaiah 35) follows.

Magnificat, the Song of Mary (Luke 1.46) follows (STAND), during which, a minister adds incense grains to the burner in front of the Altar:





#### We face the High Altar to recite the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

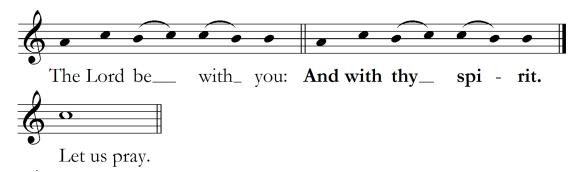
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;

The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;

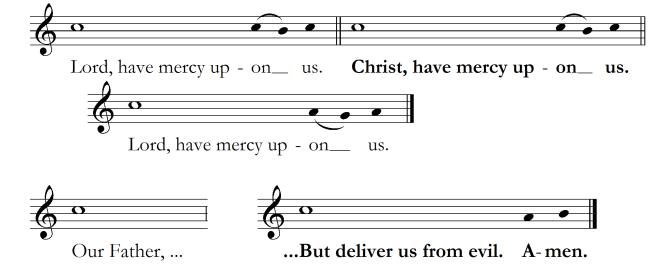
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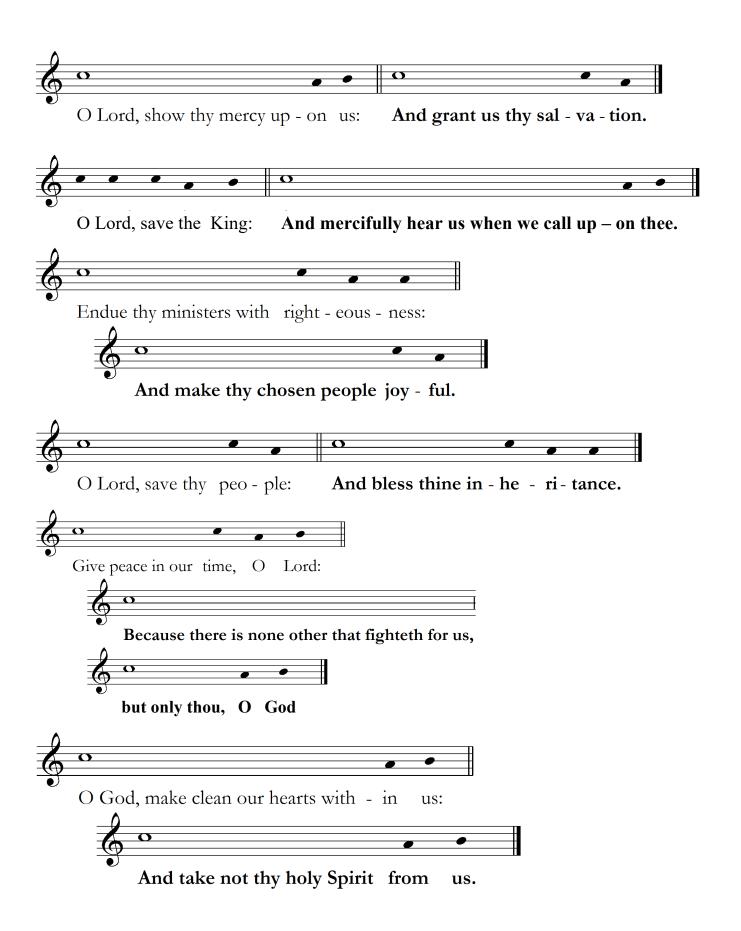
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

### Remain standing, for the Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Suffrages and Responses:



#### Please sit or kneel





## The minister intones the Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE:

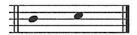
O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.



A - men.

#### THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS:

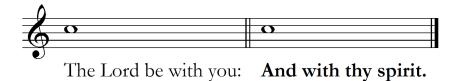
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.



A - men.

Prayers of Intercession follow, and then any notices are announced.

#### The service ends with the Dismissal:





Let us bless the Lord: Thanks be to God.

# **NEXT WEEK....**

# 22 December

1830: The Traditional Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols sung by the Parish Choir & Choral Scholars, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

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