

Advent 3 – December 15, 2024

WELCOME

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

And also with you

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.^[c]

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields^[d] with fire.

¹⁰He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SONG: O come O come Emmanuel (410)

CONFESSION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Silence (personal confession)

Therefore, in the light of Christ's coming let us confess our sins.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God have mercy upon you (us), pardon and deliver you (us) from all your (our) sins, confirm and strengthen you (us) in all goodness, and keep you (us) in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SONG:

He's coming on the clouds.
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

CHORUS

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power.
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him.

VERSE 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

BRIDGE

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
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READING: Philippians 4:4 -7

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

COLLECT (Special Prayer):

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

SONG: Hark! The herald angels sing (155)

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7 – 18

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to....*

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

DISMISS CHILDREN

SERMON: Rev. Janetta Brathwaite

SONG: In the bleak midwinter (243)

CREED:

Let us declare our faith together: (*Nicene p5*)

INTERCESSION:

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank:
Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code:
090155; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council. If you prefer
to give using the **Parish Giving Scheme** visit their website:
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. We also now have
the ability to receive **contactless** contributions.*

**Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you
will give us and all you give us here and now, we
offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering
of our money and of ourselves to be used in your
service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SONG (preparation of table): *This song is a prayer
we sing and pray in preparing our hearts to receive the body
and blood of Christ our Saviour.*

We sing prayerfully.

O come let us adore Him (409)

HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto the ages of ages. **Amen**

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.

**May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the
bread. Amen**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

And now we give you thanks
because you sent Christ to redeem us from
sin and death and to make us inheritors of
everlasting life; that when he shall come
again in power and great triumph to judge the
world, we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for
ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.*

Come quickly Lord Jesus;
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
*Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.*

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until
you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on
the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for
the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of
our redemption.

Come quickly Lord Jesus;
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving, we bring before you this
bread and this cup. And we thank you for
counting us worthy to stand in your presence
and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup, so
that we, in the company of all the saints, may
praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus
Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and
glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Jesus taught us to call God Father, so in faith and
trust we pray:*

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as 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 for ever. AMEN.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;
have mercy on me a sinner.
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Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;
have mercy on me a sinner.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our
Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and
his blood which he shed for you. Eat and
drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving. **Amen**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word and I shall be healed.
Amen**

SONGS:

Love came down at Christmas (376)
Father, we love you (102)
Lord Jesus Christ (357)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

To you, O Christ, Word of the Father, we offer our
lowly thanks; for love of our human race you most
wonderfully chose to be born of the Virgin Mary, and
to take our human nature and nevermore to lay it
down; so that we might be born again by your Spirit
and restored in the image of God; to whom, one
blessed Trinity, be given all honour, might, majesty
and power now and forever. **Amen**

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your
Son: give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of
right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your
Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his
face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKS:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us
out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen**

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG: Joy to the world (314)

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of
the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise
men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the
love of God and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas...

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and
remain with you now and forever. **Amen**

May the Lord when He comes find us
watching and waiting. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

NOTICES

- Tuesday morning prayer at 9:30
- **Thanks to all those who continue to
contribute to the replenishing of our
food bank.** Please see Maxine.
- **Today is Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Please bring mince pies and
mulled wine** for our Carol service.



**Please remain behind to set
up the table for this evenings'
candlelight service.**

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- **Take a copy of the Good News
newspaper.**
It is a very good read.



- PCC brief meeting after the service.
- Please remember to **subscribe** to the
channel if you use this to
help you in your morning
and evening prayers.
- **Friday fortnight bible Study on zoom every
other Friday from 7:30**
- **Tuesday evening Bible Study each week
on zoom from 8pm.**
ALL ARE INVITED
- Church of England daily prayer:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



Prayer of preparation to come to the table.

O Lord, I know that I am unworthy to receive your
Holy Body and Precious Blood; I know that I am guilty,
and that I eat and drink condemnation to myself, not
discerning the Body and Blood of Christ my God. But
trusting in your loving-kindness I come unto you
because you have said: *He who eats my Body and
drinks my Blood shall dwell in me and I in him.*
Therefore, O Lord, have compassion on me and do not
make an example of me, your sinful servant. But do
unto me according to your great mercy, and grant that
these Holy Gifts may be for me healing, purification,
enlightenment, protection, salvation and
sanctification of my soul and body, and to the
expulsion of every evil imagination, sinful deed or
work of the Devil. May they move me to trust in you
and to love you always, to amend and keep firm my
life; and increase in me every virtue, to the keeping of
your Commandments, to the communion of the Holy
Spirit, and as a good defence before your Judgment
Seat, and for Life Eternal in Jesus Christ. Amen. St.
Basil (died 379)

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

God of the nations, whose kingdom rules over all,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
Establish peace in the hearts of men and women
everywhere and banish from them the spirit that
makes for war and conflict; that all races, peoples and
nations may live in peace as members of one human
family and in obedience to your laws, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOCUS:



If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you. Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

Ex15:26...for I am the Lord who heals you.

Cast all your cares and anxieties and worries and fears upon the LORD for he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Roy and Pauline Haywood, Samuel Downes and Pauline Bookal-Downes, Doreen, Noel Morris, Suriyakala Johnson, Attlee (and Revd Janetta), Jean and Walter, Monica, Sue (Daisy and family), Veronica and Chester, Dolly and Desmond, Jean Murphy, Pat and Ray Vincent, Muriel, David Martins, Veronica, Monica and daughter (Sheryl), Duke, Radcliffe and Pauline, Andy and Anita, Una, Ann and Richard (in Wales), Kianna – (Ann's granddaughter) and her stepmum – Lucy and brother Ian,

Spencer (Sophie's son) ...

RIP – our dear sister **Johannah Lake** passed into the presence of God recently. We will miss her but we give God thanks for her full life of 98 years and her faith and trust in him. Please keep the family in your prayers. **Her Farewell service will be Friday December 20th at 12:30pm here at St. Saviour.**

Pray for our **charity of the month.**



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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

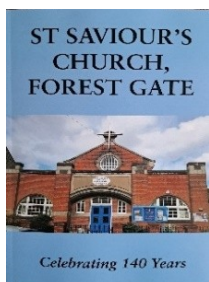
God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to You, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Almighty God, hear the cry of our hearts, as we hold before you the people of the Holy Land. Be near those who have lost lives and loved ones, and be a sure rock to those who are in terror this day.

We pray that, through your spirit of wisdom and mercy, conflict may cease, and that the leaders of the nations may work together for peace and justice between Israeli and Palestinian.

As you wept over Jerusalem, so we ask that you hear the prayers of those who weep this day for your Holy Land. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Please remember to promote and purchase a copy of our book. The majority of the proceeds will go towards helping to sort out our heating. **Donation: £10** Thanks.

Please support our young entrepreneur **Leah** if you wish to put in your Christmas 2024 orders for cakes etc. The 2024 price list is available. Today is the last day for Christmas orders.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES -2024

- **Carols by Candlelight** service - Dec. 15th at 6pm
- **Christmas Eve Service** - Dec. (Tues) 24th at 11pm
- **Christmas Day service** - Dec (Wed) 25th at 10:30am
- **New Year's Eve Watchnight service** - Dec. 31st at 10:30pm

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