

# Sunday Service

9am & 11am | Sunday, November 26th 2023 | The Sunday next before Advent

**Welcome:** Matthew Lawes (Curate)

## Hymn: Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to Thee:  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down  
before Thee,  
who was, and is, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness  
hide Thee,  
though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see;  
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
in earth, and sky, and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who truly repent, as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and disciplined life, to the praise of your holy name. Amen**

## **All - Age slot**

### Song: Mighty Mighty Savior

No one is good,  
no one is holy before God,  
I need someone to cleanse me.  
No one is pure,  
no one is righteous in Your sight,  
I need someone to save me.

But I'm so glad You died and rose again,  
for helpless sinners like me.

**What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are!  
What a mighty, mighty Saviour You are!  
You can wash away my sin,  
you can change my heart within,  
what a mighty mighty Saviour You are!**

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**Children leave for their groups**

## Song: Creator God

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,  
Your glory shines in all that You have made.  
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness;  
all earth replies: "majestic is Your name!"  
And who am I, though made below the angels,  
that You, my King, are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent  
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,  
the One who spoke out stars now breathes His last.  
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,  
that You would pay the price my sin deserves?

My Maker scarred for those who marred  
His likeness,  
and from His wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,  
death could not hold the One who authored life!  
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,  
and in our hearts, His risen life now shines.  
And who are we, that You would call us children  
and raise us up from death to life with You,  
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:  
"O praise the One who's making all things new!"

And so we wait in eager expectation  
and join the song as all creation groans:  
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
the Day you call Your sons and daughters home."

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## Song: His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs  
we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not  
their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or  
shore,  
our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new every  
morn.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is  
more.**

What patience would wait as we  
constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the  
poor.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is  
more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment; His life was the  
cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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## Church Family News

**Prayers: 9am Johnny Lockwood  
11am Bob Edmonds**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**Reading:** Zephaniah 1:1- 18 (p.944)  
9am Penny Simons  
11am Susan Pontefract

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Vision of Advent: Joy in Sorrow -  
'Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land'  
Rob Mullock (Minister for Training)

## **Song: Two Sins**

Two sins have we committed,  
two sins that we cannot deny,  
we've turned from you the fount of living  
water  
and have tried to drink from cisterns  
cracked and dry.

**What fools we are, how blind we are!  
Have mercy, Lord, mercy on us.  
Forgive us, Lord, and help us see.  
Change our hearts that we might live  
you.  
O Lord, for you, O Lord, always.**

Two sins have we committed,  
two sins are plain before our eyes.  
We've walked away from the truth that  
brings us freedom  
and have settled for those sweet  
enslaving lies.

Two sins have we committed,  
two sins at which you stand appalled.  
We've turned from you our glorious  
Creator  
and have worshipped things that are no  
gods at all.

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## **Closing Prayer**

