

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Communion Prayer)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BREAKING OF THE BREAD

If you are a believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; we welcome you to take Communion with us. It is also perfectly acceptable to take only the bread, or only the wine, if you so wish

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of taking Communion, or would like a prayer for healing at the altar rail, please ask the priest when he comes to you.

THE COMMUNION OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 692 Tell out, my soul

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

NOTICES

Today, we are celebrating 50 years since Keith was Commissioned into the Church Army. Keith will be offering the sermon this morning. Please join us for some "fizz" after the service to help him celebrate this anniversary.

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day Service at 10:30 am, followed by Congregational Lunch at the Van der Valk Hotel.

Sunday 29 December – Revd. Tom's last Service with us. A reception for Tom and Dawn will follow the Service.

Upcoming dates:	29 December 2024	Tom's farewell service
	5 January 2025	Epiphany : Morning Prayer
	12 January 2025	Communion with the Archdeacon
	19 January 2025	Communion with Keith Bretel
	26 January	Morning Prayer

Readings for Sunday 25th December :

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:8-20

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

A congregation of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe
And a member of the World-Wide Anglican Communion

**St. John's is an inclusive congregation
and welcomes everyone to worship with us.**

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING



Sunday 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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If you require a gluten free wafer for communion, please notify the welcome person at the back of the church before the service begins.

Nos services sont filmés et publiés sur internet, vous pouvez apparaître dans nos vidéos. / Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may appear in our videos.

The music edition of the Hymn Book is available at the back of the church

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 2 A great and mighty wonder

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, (No GLORIA during Advent)

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY See pewsheet insert

Introduction to the reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MICAH (5:2-5a)

.You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS (10:5-10)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure". Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), 9then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Introduction to the Gospel

HYMN # 727 The people that in darkness sat

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(1:39-45)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE or CHOIR ANTHEM

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # The angel Gabriel from heaven came