

Communion *Online*

10AM, 29th November

1st Sunday of Advent

HACKNEY CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE: 29TH NOVEMBER
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Welcome

In the name of the Father
and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel

Sung by members of the choir of Hackney Church

Text: French Trad, trans. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Collect

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,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

First Reading

Let us now pay careful attention to the Holy Word of God.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord:

All: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Sung by the musicians of Shoreditch Church

Words and Music: David Evans © 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Mark 13: 24-end

Jesus said to them: 'But in those days, following that distress,

*“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”*

'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: he

leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

'Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: "Watch!"'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev'd Al Gordon

The Creed

All:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: hear our prayer.

Merciful Father:

**All: accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Music: Traumerei (Dreaming)

By Robert Schumann

From Shoreditch Church

Greta Mutlu – Violin

Clare Whitehead – Piano

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

All: **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:his blood is shed for
all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All:
**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.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Fracture

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

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

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***All: 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.***

Hymn: Hills of the North, rejoice

Sung by members of the choir of Hackney Church

Author: C. E. Oakley (1832-65)

Tune: LITTLE CORNARD (Shaw)



Hills of the North, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and low land, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the Southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes His great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

The Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**