

28th December 2025

**Hymn:** God rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

**Welcome**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Beloved in Christ,  
We come together to offer to Almighty  
God Our worship and praise and  
thanksgiving,  
To confess our sins and to receive God's  
forgiveness, To hear his holy word proclaimed,  
To bring before him our needs and the needs of the  
world, And to pray that in the power of his Spirit  
We may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

***The minister says***

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

***Silence is kept.***

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,**

through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done

and by what we have failed to do.

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who**

**died for us, forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may serve you in the**

**newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

*The absolution.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

O Lord, open our lips

**and our mouth will proclaim your praise**

O God make speed to save us

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.** Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

## Reading 1: Ezekiel 36:22-32

**Venite:** O come let us sing out to the Lord; let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it, his hands moulded dry land. Come let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Today if only you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness.

When your forbears tested me, put me to the proof though they had seen my works. Forty years long I loathed that generation and said,

It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways; Of whom I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter my rest.

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.

**Reading 2:** 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

**Hymn:** King of Kings

**Let's affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's creed:**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who 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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord save the King,  
**and grant his government wisdom.**  
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**  
O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**  
Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**  
O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

**Collects:**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son  
Jesus Christ: Grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever.

**Offertory Hymn:** The First Nowell

**Sermon:**

**Hymn:** In Christ Alone

**Benediction**

Dismissal