

Choir Introit *Canticle - Benedictus*
Hymn 193 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

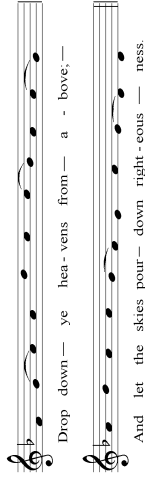
COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE ADVENT PROSE



Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever; thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. **Drop down...**
We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away: though hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. **Drop down...**
Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. **Drop down...**
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people; my salvation shall not tarry: have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not for I will save thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy redeemer.

SECOND READING Philipians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Hymn 401 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we are nothing without you. As you sustain us with your mercy, receive our prayers and offerings.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

Hymn 412 *Peace is flowing like a river*
Anthem *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 209 *Hills of the north, rejoice!*

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH. FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN THE HALL



6th December 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.

We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for refreshments in the Hall after the service.

Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:

Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School, for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.00 on Thursdays at the Junior School

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:

Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Joyce and Lincoln Brett, Christine MacKay, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothill, Ron Thomas, James Inwood, Edna Moody

Please pray for the recently departed:- Bishop Eric Kemp, Betty Luckin

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

TODDLER CORNER This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

JUNIOR CHURCH

God's Christmas gift for you and me

The Advent Booklet "Prepare the Way of the Lord", an Advent Journey of Prayer, is available price £1. This will help our observance of this season. Father Andrew

10 DECEMBER – 7.30 pm the University of Chichester Bognor Campus will be holding a carol service here at St Wilfrid's. All are welcome to attend.

10 DECEMBER - 7.15 pm House Group meeting hosted by Linda and Peter Beckley, 6 Fursefeld

11 DECEMBER – 7.00 pm Michael Ayres Junior School carol service here at St Wilfrid's. All are welcome.

11 DECEMBER – 3.00 pm Prayer and Dedication Service for Lawrence and Simpson

12 DECEMBER – 10.30 am Thanksgiving Service for 50 years of marriage for Mr and Mrs Westen

13 DECEMBER – 3.00 pm Youth Service

17 DECEMBER - 7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight Tickets are available after the 10.30 Eucharist today. Contact Mary Gough 865219 for details

20 DECEMBER – 10.30 Family Eucharist on the theme of the Prince of Peace
18.00 Parish Carol Service - Nine lessons and Carols

TODAY'S SERVICES

Holy Communion 08.00
Parish Eucharist 10.30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	7 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
<i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher, 397</i>			
Tuesday	8 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Wednesday	9 Dec	Evening Prayer	18.00
		Eucharist with address - Christ is risen	18.30
		Prayer of the Rosary	19.00
Thursday	10 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
Friday	11 Dec	Eucharist	10.00
Saturday	12 Dec	Eucharist	11.30
		Evening Prayer	17.00

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY- 13 December

The third Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion 08.00
Parish Eucharist 10.30
Youth Service 15.00
(no Choral Evensong)

Leaflets containing details of Christmastide services are available on the Narthex table.