

Second Sunday before Advent 17th November 2024

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading (Daniel 12.1-3)

A reading from the Book of Daniel.
At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm (Psalm 16)



Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to you Lord: You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup,

It is you yourself who are my prize. R

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

And even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight,

Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

Even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

Nor let your beloved know decay. R

Second Reading (Hebrews 10.11–14, 19–25)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of

some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Reading (Mark 13.1–8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows.

Among the departed: Lena Kennedy .

Anniversaries of Death: Herbert James Fleming (Pr), Edward Preston Anderson (Pr), Niall Chancellor, Ron Boshier, Annie Dococq, Eveline Beach, Jackie Williams, Thomas Lidiard

In the Parish: We pray for Ironmonger Row, Norman Street and Finsbury Leisure Centre

In the wider world: We pray for the people of Lebanon, Israel and Gaza. All who have been injured or driven from their homes, and all who lives are overshadowed by the current conflict.

In Church this week

Wednesday 20th November Open Church 10am-1pm

12.30pm Mass

1pm singing

Next Sunday St Clement's Day

10.30am Sung Mass

King Square Community Coffee afternoon

Every Tuesdays 1-3.30pm and every Friday 12.30-2pm

King Square Community Room

A chance to chat with your neighbours and catch up. With tea, coffee, soup and sweet treats.

Everybody welcome!