

St. Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church
Sunday 4th December, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Service

Preparing for Worship

*Please take a moment to read over the Order of Service printed below.
Hymn books are available in each seat. As we prepare to worship Almighty God,
read through the hymns, particularly any which may be unfamiliar to you. They have
been carefully chosen to help us to experience the glory and majesty of God and to
reflect upon the theme of the service.*

*You are invited to join in saying in unison the items printed in **bold italics**.
If you are comfortable doing so,
please stand for the items marked with an asterisk (*).*

GATHERING

Organ prelude

**The Bible is carried into Church.*

***Greeting**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Call to Worship

***Praise:** Hymn 474 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
(Tune: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen)

Welcome

APPROACH

Scripture Sentence

Prayer for the Day

THE WORD OF GOD

The Story for the Day

***Praise:** Hymn 274 Comfort, comfort now my people
(Tune: Genevan 42)

*Activities for children have been arranged. This would be an appropriate point in
the service for any children wishing to participate to go out with the Children's
work leaders, returning to the church just after the sermon.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 (p.)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12 (p.)

At the conclusion of the Readings:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Praise:** Hymn 503 I will offer up my life in spirit and truth

Amen.

Sermon

Time for Reflection

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

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 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.

Prayers of Intercession

*Praise: 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
(Tune: Winchester New (Crasselius))

Offering

Doxology

As the offering is brought forward to be placed on the communion table, we stay seated and sing:

(Tune: Gonfalon Royal)

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son and Spirit blest
to whom be praise for evermore.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Intimations

*Praise: Hymn 475 Christ is coming! let creation
(Tune: Neander (Unser Herrscher))

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Charge

*Benediction

*Threefold Sung *Amen* *(unison)*

Organ Voluntary

If you have found this service meaningful, encouraging or enjoyable, tell someone about it and invite them to come with you next Sunday.

Hymn 503 was nominated as a particular favourite by a member of the congregation.