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#### The Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

### **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

#### **First Reading**

1A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

3His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them. 7The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together:

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

4Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3. 1-12

#### Sunday's Hymns:

P: 27 Colours of Day

Taize Gloria

G: 42 Longing for Light

O: 638 Give me joy in my heart R: 160 Make way, make way

- For our Advent season
- For our PCC and church officers, and for those covering the vacancy.
- For the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury
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- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in December
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- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
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**Sunday 14th December: Advent 3** 

Reader: Jacqueline Intercede: Ruth S Chalice: Jean TD Sound: Simon Welcomers: Jacqueline, Fiona and Lucy Coffee: Sally and Kate Children: Sam

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