

St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

Lords Supper

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious
name, for ever praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

We do not presume

to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Amen.

Mark 13:24-37

24 *“But in those days, following that distress,
“‘the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
25 the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’*
26 *“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in
clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send
his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from
the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.*
28 *“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its
twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that
summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things
happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.*
30 *Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass
away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass
away.*
32 *“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even
the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*
33 *Be on guard! Be alert[e]! You do not know when that
time will come. 34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves
his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their
assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.*
35 *“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when
the owner of the house will come back—whether in the
evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at
dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you
sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone:
‘Watch!’”*

Mark 13:24 - 37 outline

New Year

- looking back to 2020

- looking ahead to 2021

Jesus’ lesson in how to have hope in 2021

1. Look back and trust because Jesus’ words never fail v24-31

2. Look forward and stay alert because Jesus is coming back v32-37

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

*Refrain : O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. (refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high. (refrain)

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (refrain)

He is Lord, He is Lord, x2

He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord..

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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