

*Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs*  
*Advent 4 Sunday 19th December 2021*

*Interim Priest We welcome Revd. Canon Sandy Montgomerie to lead us in worship today.*

**Mass Setting St Anne by Macmillan**

**Hymns**

- 80 Of the Father's heart begotten  
666 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship  
50 The advent of our King  
394 Tell out my soul

**Collect**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.**

The LORD says to his people:

- 2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.  
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.  
4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
5 and he shall be the one of peace.

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

- 39 Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,  
40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.  
41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit  
42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?  
44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.  
45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'  
[46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### **Notices**

**Donations to the church** - If you wish to contribute towards our costs, please look at our [website](#) for different ways to do this.

### **You Tube, Facebook and Website**

You can view the Sunday Gospel and sermon on our [You Tube](#) page and other links are put on our St Columba's [Facebook](#) page. Please join our church [website mailing list](#) so you do not miss out on the latest updates.

The December/January issue of the magazine is now available on line or at the back of the church

Christmas Services will go ahead as planned however we plan to sanitise the church between services anyone who can help with this please speak to Alice

### **Our Christmas Services and events**

**Sunday 19th December 6.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols**

### **Christmas Eve**

**4pm Christingle Service** for all the family

A joyful - fun filled Christmas Service. Bring your children and grandchildren

**11pm Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion**

Sadly the Christmas Day Lunch that was being organised by the Church of the Nazarene, along with Largs Churches Together and the Largs Resilience Team has had to be cancelled owing to the emergence of the new Covid Variant and the need to keep everyone safe and well.

Christian Aid the planned Carol Sing along this afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> December has also been cancelled