

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Micah 5.2-5a

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”  
Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labour gives birth,  
and the rest of his people return  
to join the Israelites.  
He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.  
And he will be their peace.

## COLLECT:

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## PSALM: 80.1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth <sup>2</sup> before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might;  
come and save us.  
<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.  
<sup>4</sup> How long, Lord God Almighty,  
will your anger smoulder  
against the prayers of your people?  
<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.  
<sup>6</sup> You have made us an object of derision to our  
neighbours,  
and our enemies mock us.  
<sup>7</sup> Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.  
<sup>8</sup> You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 1.39-45

Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"



## EPISTLE

### Hebrews 10.5-10

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
with burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you were not pleased.

Then I said, ‘Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll  
- I have come to do your will, my God.’”

First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

09.30 COV: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)  
09.30 SPA: Morning Worship (*Jill Dighton*)  
10.45 KIM: Family Christingle Service (*Lay Leader*)  
15.00 STO: Evensong (*Jill Dighton*)

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

09.30 TIL: Family Service (*Lay Leader*)  
09.30 EAS: Parish Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
10.45 KIM: Family Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
15.00 SPA: Messy Church: Christingle (*Lay Leader*)

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December

17.00 TIL: Christingle Service (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

09.30 COV: Morning Worship (*Lay Leader*)  
09.30 STO: BCP Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
09.30 SPA: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)  
10.45 KIM: Matins (*Revd R Lancaster*)  
18.00 KIM: Carol Service (*Revd R Lancaster*)

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

18.00 EAS: Carol Service (*Revd J. Young*)  
18.00 STO: Carol Service (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
10.45 KIM: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)

### Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>

23.30 KIM: Midnight Mass (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
23.30 SPA: Midnight Mass (*Revd I Brennand*)

### Christmas Day Services

09.30 COV w. TIL: Family Communion  
(*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
10.30 STO: Family Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)  
10.45 KIM: Family Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)  
09.30 EAS: Family Communion (*Revd J. Young*)

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.45 KIM: Group Service

## The South Leightonstone Group of Parishes

(*Barham & Woolley, Covington, Easton, Kimbolton,  
Spaldwick, Stow Longa and Tilbrook*)



## Sunday 23rd December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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