WEEKLY SERMON

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O come let us adore Him

Luke 2. 1-20

So, we have arrived at Christmas Day 2020. For most of us, there will never have been a year quite like this one. As we celebrate the gift of the Incarnate One again, so we inevitably look back, reflecting on the year past.

For each of us this will mean something different. For most of us it will have involved some pain and loss, maybe of loved ones, definitely of some of the certainties of life.

Try to take a few moments on this holy day to be holy – in other words set apart some time to be quiet and bow down before the only certainty we need.

That for us, we know that God came and deigned to live with us, changing history forever and leading us unto a Truth that sets us free and releases us into life abundant.

More than ever this year it feels right to stop and simply take stock of what we this day means to us.

With the shepherds we enjoy the glory of God as we give thanks for the salvation brought through the vulnerability of a child.

We travel with the shepherds from the reality of daily life to behold that precious salvation in humble surroundings. In the stillness we pause to reflect back on a year that has brought pain, grief and yet also insight, creativity and innovation.

We give thanks for the gift of those who care for us and for our loved ones when we are unable to and for the Holy Family entrusted with the responsibility of caring for the one who brings salvation.

With the shepherds we are thankful for Blessed Mary who sacrifices so much for the vocation of being the one who is known as God bearer.

With the whole of creation we stop in the midst of busy lives and bow down before the one who comes to set us free. This day of all days we are humbled by God's loving submission to dwell among us that we may behold His glory.

With the whole of creation we stop and we say;

'O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord'

Archdeacon David Picken

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