



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Second Sunday after Christmas
Sunday 5th January 2025 at 11.15am
Holy Communion

Minister: The Rev Scott Rennie MA BD STM FRSA
The lessons are read by Norma McGoldrick

**From the west the Lord's name will be feared, and his glory revered
from the rising of the sun. His glory will come like a swift river on which
the wind of the Lord moves. *Isaiah 59: 19***

*God of power and life, you are the glory of all who believe in you. Fill the world
with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.*

* Indicates where those who are able should stand

VOLUNTARY

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland – ‘The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland.’ Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: The Word became flesh and lived among us

P: and we have seen his glory.

M: The true light that enlightens everyone
has come into the world.

**P: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.
Glory to God forever.**

* **HYMN 623** **Here in this place, new light is streaming**

GATHER US IN

WELCOME

PRAYERS

***HYMN 103** **Fill your hearts with joy and gladness**

RHUDDLAN

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (pp.791-792)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 1-18 (p.1063)

SERMON

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

As the Offering is brought forward the congregation stand and sing the doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

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

*** HYMN 317 Before the world began**

INCARNATION

THE INVITATION

M: This is the Lord's table.

The Lord Jesus invites us to share in this joyful feast.

From east and west, from north and south,

People will come and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. This table is the Lord's table, and not the table of any church or institution. It is the Lord himself who invites us to feast with him.

As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, I take these elements of bread and wine, to be set apart for all common uses to this holy use and mystery; and as he gave thanks and blessed, let us draw near to God and offer him our prayers and thanksgiving.

M: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to you, Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to praise you, Lord.

THE GREAT PRAYER

The Minister makes prayers on the congregation's behalf during which the congregation say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

The Minister makes intercessions on behalf of the congregation after which we pray together:

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

THE TRADITION OF THE MEAL

M: We do this in obedience to Christ's example and appointment.

On the night on which he was handed over to his enemies he took bread and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said,

'This is my body which is broken for you; do this in memory of me.'

In the same way he took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.'

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

P: have mercy on us.

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M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

P: grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

We share the peace by saying to our neighbours,

'Peace be with you' and exchanging a handshake, a hug or a wave.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN 702 Lord, in love and perfect wisdom**

BLAENWERN

*** THE BLESSING & SENDING**

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

Please stand as the elements are processed from the sanctuary.

We offer a warm welcome to any visitors. Please join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service. You will be very welcome.

Remember to take your Order of Service with you to stay up to date with all the events taking place at Crown Court Church.

INTIMATIONS:

Sunday 5 January Congregational Meeting following the service.

Sunday 12 January Morning service at 11.15am with Rev Alastair Cumming
Presbytery Clerk

Congregational Meeting from 1pm-3pm.

Congregational Meeting Today

Please remain seated once the organist has finished playing. Thank you.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday 12th January, 1pm-3pm

In November, the Kirk Session had a wide-ranging discussion regarding the future of our church. Following this, a decision was made by Session to move forward with major refurbishment of our building in 2025/2026, subject to approvals and funding. The details of the project will be presented at a congregational meeting on Sunday 12 January by members of the Futures Committee and our appointed architect. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. We will also discuss as a congregation how we can best use our unique building to further our Christian mission and connect with the life of the Covent Garden community on our doorstep. **Please do put this important date in your diaries. All are welcome, and lunch will be provided!**

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

Donations under the Gift Aid Scheme

Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

Prayers & Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Care Team often remember people in the congregation in their prayers. If you have any requests for prayers for yourself or someone you know who is ill or bereaved or may simply have a situation in which they would welcome being remembered in prayer, then please contact Rev Scott Rennie.

If you require support, please contact the Pastoral Care Group via the minister – all information is kept confidential.

Church Membership

We are always delighted to welcome new members to Crown Court. If you are a regular attender, but have not yet joined the congregation, we would encourage you to consider becoming a member or an adherent. If you have been a member of a Church of Scotland elsewhere, transferring your membership is a very simple process; please contact Laura Daniels, Church Administrator to ask for your lines to be transferred.

If you are not yet a member of any church and would like to explore your faith journey through baptism or confirmation, please do speak to our minister, Rev Scott Rennie.

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