



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John the Baptist by El Greco (1541–1614)

*In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'*

Matthew 3:1–2

4 December 2022

Music at today's liturgies:

Hymns (NEH) 12; 6; 273; 5

Mass setting: *Missa Emmanuel* adapt. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe the good news.

Mark 1:15

During Advent, instead of the Gloria, we say together:

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Collects

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:
that, on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1–10

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–21

(at 8:00 a.m.)

Response: In his time shall righteousness flourish.

Give the king your justice, O God:
and your righteousness to the king's son.

That he may rule your people righteously: and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness. **R.**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and the moon endure,
holy and righteousness in his sight, all the days of our life. **R.**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R.**

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds.

And blessèd be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R.**

(at 10.00 a.m.)

Give the King thy judgements, O God:
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right:
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace:
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right:
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth:
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool:
even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish:
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel:
which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever:
and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Rome:

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures
we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised
on behalf of the truth of God
in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:4–13

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1–15

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around
his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,
and all the region along the Jordan,

and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism,
he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves,
“We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you,
God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down
and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance,
but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor
and will gather his wheat into the granary;
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

For the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn;
St Jude’s, Carlton; St George’s, East Ivanhoe; St John’s Flinders and St Mark’s Balnarring;
Church of the Ascension, Springvale;.

For all in need

Ann, Anne, Bruce, Charles, Coral, Erica, Keith, Joan, John, Margaret, +John Parkes,
+John Stewart, Peter, Ron, Simon, and the Ashton and Moss families as they grieve.

For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: +Jeremy Claude Ashton; Betty Moss; and those whose
anniversary of death occurs this week: Nicholas Andrew; Frederick Davis; Vera Eastaugh;
Colin Lachlan McInnes; Peter Reid; Florence Richards; Maurice Street.

Anthem: (at 10am only)

*Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis prægustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu fili Mariæ,
Miserere mei. Amen.*

Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for humanity;
from whose pierced side
flowed blood [and water]
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of our time of death.

O sweet, O holy,
O Jesu, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

*Words: attr. Pope Innocent III or IV (13th century)
Music: William Byrd (c.1540–1623)*

Postlude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 661
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 35:1–10
James 5:7–10

Advent 3

Song of Mary
Matthew 11:2–11

NOTICES

A huge thank you to The Reverend Canon Dr Ray Cleary and the Reverend Dr Wendy Crouch who have both offered, at the eleventh hour, to take this morning's services, given the outbreak of COVID among the parish clergy! And it is an honour that **Bishop Peter** will take the Eucharist and Meditation at 5 p.m. Join in welcoming them all.

Many thanks to all who made last Sunday evening's Festal Choral Evensong for Advent such a joyous occasion: to Claire, John and the choir, the readers, and the servers. It was a great joy to share in such a wonderful "full, proper Anglican service" together, worshipping and singing to mark the new Christian year. It was also good to share in modified celebrations afterwards, and to welcome visitors from England who found the occasion warm (despite the weather!) and especially welcoming.

Congratulations to all appointed and elected Parish leaders.

Please continue to pray for: Judy Mallinson, Ravi Renjen and Meg Winter (Churchwardens); Leonie Bird, Miriam Cherry, Simon Dickie, Sandra Morgan, Venetia Patchett, Geraldine Powell, Wendy Stone, Gavin Watson and Judy Wright (Parish Councillors); Judy Mallinson, Leigh Mackay, and Ewan Morgan (Incumbency Committee). The Commissioning – scheduled for today – will take place later.

St Alban's collection. The fourth Sunday of this month (when we traditionally collect for St Alban's) is Christmas Day; and the fourth Sunday of next month will find us outside under the 'gum tree'. Therefore, today there will be an additional collection (of cash or vouchers from Coles, etc.) for the St Alban's Food Relief Programme, to assist the work of the excellent people there in a time when the demand for all they offer increases dramatically. Please be your usual generous selves.

Continuing our fellowship. Please note that each Sunday after our 8:00 a.m. eucharist, people continue time together at Caffe La Via, just down Glenferrie Road. After 10:00 a.m., we continue to meet in the Parish Hall, now that it is returned to us.

The Vicar will be on leave from tomorrow until Monday, December 12. Thank you to Fr Matthew for being willing to lead the worship next Sunday.

Working Bee to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Saturday December 18** from 9:30 a.m. Why not come for Morning Prayer before we start the polishing, sweeping and other cleaning? Morning tea will obviously occur!

Handouts advertising Christmas services will be able to take and distribute from next Sunday morning. (To see what it will look like, see the back page.)

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Women

The Archbishop has invited us all to join him at St Paul's Cathedral, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first Ordination of women to the priesthood in Melbourne.

Date: 13 December, 6:00 p.m.

Venue: St Paul's Cathedral

President: The Right Reverend Kate Prowd

Preacher: The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO

Those seeking further celebrations of the coming Season of Christmas:

The **Tudor Choristers Christmas celebration** this year features A CEREMONY OF CAROLS by BENJAMIN BRITTEN, with harpist SARAH FRANCES, plus Christmas music and traditional carols. JANETTE PATTON, organ. Dr KATHLEEN MCGUIRE, conductor.

Two performances:

14 Dec, 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Rd, Camberwell 3124

16 Dec, 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

St George's Anglican Church, 47-51 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East 3079

<https://www.tudorchoristers.org.au/events> for bookings

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 5 December	Psalms 82; 84 Isaiah 7:1–17 Mark 6:30–56	Psalms 85; 87 Isaiah 43:14–44:5 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28
Tuesday, 6 December <i>Nicholas of Myra, bishop</i>	Psalm 86 Isaiah 7:18–8:4 Mark 7:1–23	Psalm 88 Isaiah 44:6–23 2 Thessalonians 1
Wednesday, 7 December <i>Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher</i>	Psalm 90 Isaiah 8:5–9:1 Mark 7:24–37	Psalm 119:89–104 Isaiah 44:24–45:8 2 Thessalonians 2
Thursday, 8 December <i>Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Psalm 89:1–18 Isaiah 9:2–17 Mark 8: 1–13	Psalm 89:19–38 Isaiah 45:9–25 2Thessalonians 3
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Isaiah 41:13–20; Ps.145:8–13;	Matthew 11:11–15
Friday, 9 December	Psalm 89:39–53 Isaiah 9:18–10:11 Mark 8:14–26	Psalm 91 Isaiah 46:1–47:4 Revelation 14:1–12
Saturday, 10 December	Psalms 92; 93 Isaiah 10:12–32 Mark 8:27–9:1	Psalm 94 Isaiah 48:1–13 Revelation 14:13–20
Next Sunday, 11 December 3rd Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Meditation

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Evening Prayer

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

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Claire Sheppard and John Mallinson

with thanks to them both as they assist in the vacancy.

CHURCH OFFICE is now closed until the appointment of a new Parish Administrator

Phone: 9822 3030

(advice as to relevant contact numbers will be provided.)

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Emails will be monitored; but **not** daily. Please be patient.

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE'S

18 December

6:30 p.m. Carols for Advent and Christmas

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Children's & Families' Service
(Come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings)

11:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist
("Midnight Mass") for the Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist for the Nativity of our Lord

