



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Christ enthroned between the Blessed Virgin Mary and John the Baptist

11 December 2022

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Music at today's 10:00 a.m. liturgy:

Hymns: 7; 466; 274; 15

Setting: *Missa Emmanuel* adapt., Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Sentence

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.'

Isaiah 35:3–4

Following the Cantor, we sing together:

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

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

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

Collects

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:
strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees,
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,
so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people;

no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 35: 1–10

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF MARY (at 8:00 a.m.)

Luke 1:46b–55

Response: My spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

46. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
47. My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
48. For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant;
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
49. The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name. **R.**
50. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
51. He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R.**
52. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
53. He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent empty away. **R.**
54. He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.
55. The promise he made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever. **R.**

(at 10.00 a.m.): *sung to a chant by William Knyvett (1779–1856; after Handel)*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James:

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,

being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another,

so that you may not be judged.

See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,

take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5: 7–10

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11: 2–11

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

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:

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,
he sent word by his disciples and said to him,
'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'
Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news brought to them.
And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:
'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at?
A reed shaken by the wind?
What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes?
Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.
What then did you go out to see? A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
This is the one about whom it is written,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women
no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Kenya; The Diocese of Newcastle; St Alban the Martyr, St Albans; Holy Apostles, Sunshine-Braybrook; St Luke's Mulgrave; Casey Dinka Congregation; Royal School of Church Music.

For all in need

Ann, Anne, Bruce, Coral, Ron, Keith, Erica, Peter, John, Margaret, +John Parkes, +John Stewart, Joan, the Wischer family.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: John Lindley Daish; Colin Harris; Harriet Hood; Cecil Macnaughtan; George Matthews; Colin Prain; Janette Mary Ray.

Memorial Acclamation (at 10:00 a.m. only):

Following the Cantor, we sing:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Anthem: *(at 10am only)*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice,
Let your softness be known unto all men:
He Lord is e'en at hand, be careful for nothing:
But in all prayer, and supplication,
Let your petitions be manifest unto God
With giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Words: Philippians 4: 4–7 (Authorised Version)

Music: Anon., often attrib. to John Redford, (16th century)

Postlude: Præludium in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 7:10–16

Romans 1:1–7

Advent 4

Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19

Matthew 1:18–25

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, 12 December	Psalms 99; 100 Isaiah 10:33–11:9 Mark 9:2–32	Psalms 103 Isaiah 11:10–12:6 Revelation 15
Tuesday, 13 December <i>Lucy, martyr and virgin</i>	Psalms 101; 102:1–11 Isaiah 13:1–13 Mark 9:33–50	Psalms 102:12–28 Isaiah 13:14–14:2 Revelation 16
Wednesday, 14 December <i>John of the Cross, mystic and teacher</i>	Psalms 108; 109:20–30 Isaiah 14:3–23 Mark 10:1–16	Psalms 119:105–128 Isaiah 14:24–32 Revelation 17
Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	by Zoom	for Zoom details, see below
Thursday, 15 December	Psalms 104:1–25 Isaiah 15 Mark 10:17–31	Psalms 104:26–37 Isaiah 16 Revelation 18:1–10
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Isaiah 54:1–10; Psalm 30:1–5;	Luke 7:24–30
Friday, 16 December <i>O Sapientia</i>	Psalms 105:1–22 Isaiah 47:5–15 Mark 10:32–45	Psalms 105:23–45 Isaiah 48:14–22 Revelation 18:11–24
Saturday, 17 December <i>O Adonai</i>	Psalms 106:1–24 Isaiah 17:1–11 Mark 10:46–11:11	Psalms 106:25–50 Isaiah 54 Revelation 19:1–10
Next Sunday, 18 December 4th Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m. 9:30 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

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Reflections on the Lections

Meeting ID: 868 9252 3142; Passcode: 744866

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892523142?pwd=MlczZlJRempKL0hrQThORXBFeFFBdz09>

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 30 November

NOTICES

Thank you to Fr Matthew for taking all of today's services while the Vicar continues to recover from COVID and remains in isolation (the "symptoms" having disappeared only on Thursday.)

A Memorial Service for David Wischer takes place at 11 tomorrow in the Church.

A Working Bee to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place **next Saturday December 17 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!

MACO Donations

As announced at the Annual Meeting, there is now open an account with the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation (MACO) which allows parishioners to donate to the fund for the restoration of the windows in our church. This is alongside, but distinct from, the already-existing account for contributions to music. Both funds enable a tax-deductible donation to whichever fund donors wish to contribute.

To donate online to either program please click on the link, or enter the following in your website browser: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>

Then:

1. select the Fund "Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc (MACO)";
2. then select the sub-fund "St George's Malvern – Windows Restoration Fund" or "St George's Malvern – Music Fund"

as you prefer.

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Women – this Tuesday evening

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

The beloved **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 AEDT

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

16 Dec, 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm AEDT

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

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

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 meet in the Hall.

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Friday

HONORARY ASSOCIATE PRIEST

The Reverend Matthew Dowsey

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Acting ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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

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

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

WARDENS

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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

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

