



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

18 December 2022

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

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

**Hymns: (NEH)** 10; 408; 16; 9

*The Service continues on p. 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia.*

### Sentence

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel:  
God with us.

*Matthew 1:23*

*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** *(we pray the Collects for today and for the season of Advent)*

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,  
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:  
so fill us with your grace,  
that with her we may rejoice at your salvation,  
and in all things embrace your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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:

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,  
Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.  
But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.  
Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David!  
Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?  
Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign.  
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,  
and shall name him Immanuel.  
He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil  
and choose the good.  
For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good,  
the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18**

**Response: Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock!  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

**R.**

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours;  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**R.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so we will never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**R.**

*At 10:00 a.m., sung to a chant by B. Cooke*

## **SECOND LESSON**

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,  
set apart for the gospel of God,  
which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,  
the gospel concerning his Son,  
who was descended from David according to the flesh  
and was declared to be Son of God with power  
according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom we have received grace and apostleship  
to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles  
for the sake of his name,  
including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,  
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 1:1-7*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mary bore a son, and he was named Jesus.

**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:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,

but before they lived together,

she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man

and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace,

planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this,

an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,

for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,

for he will save his people from their sins.’

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord

through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’

When Joseph awoke from sleep,

he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;

he took her as his wife,

but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;

and he named him Jesus.

*Matthew 1: 18–25*

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 Korea; The Diocese of Tasmania; St John's, Upper Beaconsfield; St Agnes', Black Rock; Holy Trinity, Hampton; Surf Coast Parish; St Laurence Community Services. Karingal

## For all in need

Ann, Anne, Coral, Erica, Keith, Joan, John, Margaret, Peter, Ron, +John Parkes, +John Stewart.

## For the Faithful Departed

Those who have died recently: Matthew Arnold, Alan Dare, and Rachel McCrow; and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Elgin Dahlenburg, Judith Daish, Elizabeth Ruth Duffield, Lorna Hope Wroughton Fulton, Edward Lesh, Yvonne Elisabeth Lester, Gladys Lewis, Derrick Osmond, Ron Plant, Mary Monica Smith, Jessica Wakefield, Adam Walker.

Anthem: (at 10am only)

People, look East. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
*People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.*

Stars keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
*People look East...*

Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the Word, the Lord is coming.  
*People look East...*

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Music: trad. Old Besançon Carol

Postlude: 'Fiddle' Fugue in D Minor, BWV 539

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

## NOTICES

**Thank you** to Fr Matthew for his liturgical and pastoral care of all last Sunday.

**Thank you**, too, to all who took part in the Working Bee yesterday. The Church building, as well as its members, are now ready to welcome and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Please note there will be **no morning tea in the Hall** after 10 a.m. this morning, nor until the end of January and the service 'under the gum tree' (Sunday, January 29). After 8 a.m., people will continue to meet at Caffe La Via; and, as Giorgio's opens at 10 a.m. on a Sunday, those who wish to continue to meet and chat might adjourn across the road.

The **Parish Office is closed from Tuesday, December 21 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 17.**

### Scripture Readings next week

Isaiah 9:2–7  
Titus 2:11–14

### Christmas Eve

Psalm 96  
Luke 2:1–20

Isaiah 52:7–10  
Hebrews 1:1–4

### Christmas Day

Psalm 98  
John 1:1–14

### Scripture Readings for January 1, 2023 – The Naming and Circumcision of our Lord

Numbers 6:22–27  
Galatians 4:4–7

Psalm 8  
Luke 2:15–21

**Please Note: one service only on Sunday January 1, at 9:30 a.m.  
NO SERVICE AT 5:00 p.m. that day.**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Weekdays</b> <b>Monday–Saturday (Saturday*)</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m. (4:00 p.m.*)</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer</u></b> <b>in Chapel and by</b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer</u></b> <b>Zoom (details below)</b>
<b>Monday, 19 December</b> <i>O Clavis David</i>	Psalms 110; 111 Isaiah 19:1–15 Mark 11:27–12:12	Psalm 112; 113 Isaiah 56 Revelation 20:1–10
<b>Tuesday, 20 December</b> <i>O Orientium</i>	Psalms 114; 115 Isaiah 19:16–20:6 Mark 12:13–279	Psalm 92 Isaiah 57:1–13 Revelation 20:11–21:8
<b>Wednesday, 21 December</b> <b>Thomas, Apostle &amp; Martyr</b>  <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	Psalm 34 Job 42:1–6 1 Peter 1:3–9	Psalm 92 2 Samuel 15:17–21 John 11:1–16
<b>Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.</b>	Habakkuk 2:1–4; Ps 117;	Ephes 2:19–22; John 20:24–29
<b>Thursday, 22 December</b> <i>O Emmanuel</i>	Psalm 118:1–18 Isaiah 27:2–13 Mark 12:41–13:13	Psalms 118:19–29; 120 Isaiah 58 Revelation 21:22–22:5
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	1 Sam. 1:24–28; Ps. <i>Song</i>	<i>of Hannah</i> ; Luke 1:46–56
<b>Friday, 23 December</b> <i>O Virgo Virginum</i>	Psalms 124; 125; 126 Isaiah 28:1–13 Mark 13:14–37	Psalms 127; 128; 129 Isaiah 59:1–15a Revelation 22:6–13
<b>Saturday, 24 December*</b> <i>at Evening Prayer: the Birth of our Lord</i>	Psalms 130; 131; 133 Isaiah 28:14–29 Galatians 3:23–4:7	Psalm 132 Isaiah 59:15b–21 Revelation 22:14–21
<b>Children and Families' Service</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Midnight Mass <i>The Birth of our Lord</i></b>	<b>11:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Festal Eucharist</b>
<b>Next Sunday, 25 December</b> <b>The Birth of our Lord</b> <b>(Christmas Day)</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>  <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Festal Eucharist</b>

### Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldm1XWDQ4Zz09>

**9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

### Evening Prayer

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**5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday**

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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 January 17, 2023, when the new Parish Administrator will begin work.**

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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.*