



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

ADVENT SUNDAY

3 December, 2023



8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book

Opening Hymn:

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
 Redeem thy captive Israel
 That into exile drear is gone,
 Far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

For Advent Sunday, the first candle on the wreath is lit as the choir sings this prayer (at 10:00 a.m. only). The congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "Full".

Cantor *mf* Bless-ed are you, Sov-reign Lord, God of our
 Full an-ces-tors: to you be praise and glo-ry for ev-er!

Choir: You call all people to live by the light of faith,
 and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
 May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful
 to receive your Christ,
 a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Cantor *mf* for you are our light and our sal-va-tion. Full Bless-ed be God for ev-er.

Words: The Archbishops' Council (Church of England)
 Music: Malcolm Archer (1952–)

2. O come, O come, Adonai,
 Who in thy glorious majesty
 From Sinai's mountain, clothed in awe,
 Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Words: Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons
 tr. T. A. Lacey (1853–1931)
 Music: Melody 'adapted from a French Missal'
 by Thomas Helmore (1811–90)

SENTENCE:

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'
c.f. Mark 13:31

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

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

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 (at 8:00 a.m.)

Response: Restore us, O God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. **R.**
- 4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
and given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
our enemies laugh us to scorn.... **R.**
- 17 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 18 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.)

Response & Chant: Kathleen Boschetti (b. 1936)



Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord come to our help. **R.**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
The man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—

just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 3

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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 Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson:

as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—

for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

We pray for The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Sydney; St Andrew's Corio; St Mark's Templestowe; and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee.

For all in need

May all who are in trouble, in need or sickness find peace and refreshment in you.

We pray for: Ann; Angus; Coral; Diana; Enrico; Geoff; George & Linda; Hannah & family; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith & Erica; Kelly; Linda; Noel and Reva; Patrick; +Peter; Peter; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Syd; Venetia and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

For the Faithful Departed:

We remember those who have died recently: Christine McCarthy; and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this week: Nicholas Andrew; Cathleen Ann Balla; Colin Lachlan McInnes; Peter Reid; Florence Richards and Maurice Street.

Offertory Hymn: 296

During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:

*A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.*

*This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.*

*Words & Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)
Tr. William Bartholomew (1793–1867)*

Final Hymn (10:00 a.m.): 16

*Postlude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1–11
2 Peter 3:8–15a

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13
Mark 1:1–8

NOTICES

Tonight at 6:00 p.m., we will have an **Advent Carols service** where the choir, congregation and readers will offer Carols and Readings to mark the beginning of the Advent season, that time when we look ahead both to Christmas and to our Lord's second coming. Please join us for this wonderful seasonal reflection and celebration, with supper in the Hall afterwards.

The Vicar will be away until Saturday, as he leads a retreat for the Anglican Benedictine Oblates at St Mark's Abbey, Camperdown.

Thank You from Fr Aaron

Dear parishioners of St George's,

Your kindness made my ordination to the priesthood and first celebrations of the Eucharist extra joyful. An already-special weekend was made even more meaningful by celebrating with you. The notes and cards were special; the flowers were lovely; and the lunch and morning tea were delightful communal occasions. I am looking forward to wearing the green chasuble many of you have generously contributed to.

It is an honour to serve in this parish,

Fr Aaron

Training for Cabrini ministry is on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with Fr Aaron, in the North Room followed by visiting Cabrini Hospital

Spiritual Cafe Tuesday 5 December Our guest speaker is Paul Forgasz, former headmaster of Mount Scopus College's secondary school and taught Jewish history at Monash University's ACJC. Paul contributes to the Jewish Museum of Australia's community education program and has led Jewish study tours to various European destinations. His topic is "Discovering the Jewish Jesus". Join us for dinner on 5 December at Giorgio's, 1235 High St Armadale (enter Glenferrie Rd) at 6:30 p.m. For bookings, please email: office@stgeorgesmalvern.org or call 9822 3030 Option 2.

Another chance to hear Professor Geoffrey Blainey, AC speak on "A Short History of Christianity", his new book, at St Peter's Parish Centre, 583 Toorak Road, Toorak on **Wednesday 7th December** at 7 – 8:30 p.m. Those who missed him at the Anglican Historical Society have another chance to hear one of Australia's pre-eminent historians speaking on Christianity. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Christmas with the Curate

Fr Aaron and his family invite parishioners to a Christmas afternoon tea on Sunday 17 December. This is a casual open house, and you are invited to come for as little or as long you would like between 1 and 4pm. Please RSVP by 13 December for catering purposes to curate@stgeorgesmalvern.org.au.

Join us for **Dr. Kathleen McGuire's final concert** as Music Director of the Tudor Choristers. This will be at the 45th anniversary of Tudor Choristers' beloved Sing Nowell! Christmas concerts (est. 1978) and includes J.S. Bach's Magnificat in D major BWV 243 (300th anniversary, with a small orchestra), traditional carols and audience participation. 12 December, 7:30 p.m. Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Rd, Camberwell and 15 December, 7:30 p.m. St. George's, East Ivanhoe, 47-51 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East, Australia <https://www.tudorchoristers.org.au/events>

Parliament is looking for applicants to join Southern Metropolitan Multicultural Community Advisory Council! If you are interested in being at the forefront of change by developing ideas for government initiatives that support the diverse needs of multicultural communities. Brochures are available at the entrance counter.

A handout with details of the Christmas services is available at the entrance counter. In brief, however, we will offer:

Christmas Eve:

a Special service for children and families at 5:00 p.m.

Carols in Church from **10:30 p.m.**, leading to the **First Eucharist of Christmas** (aka **"Midnight Mass"**) at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day will be celebrated with a combined eucharist at **9:30 a.m.**

New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, we will also offer a **"Watchnight Service"** at **11:00 p.m.** as we join in prayer for a more peaceful world in 2024.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u>	<u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u>
Monday, 4 December <i>Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer (d. 1637)</i>	Psalms 80 Isaiah 40:1–17 I Thessalonians 1	Psalms 81 Isaiah 1:18–31 Mark 4:1–20
Tuesday, 5 December	Psalms 82; 84 Isaiah 40:18–31 I Thessalonians 2:1–12	Psalms 85; 87 Isaiah 2:1–18 Mark 4:21–41
Wednesday, 6 December <i>Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)</i> NO Reflections on the Lections this	Psalms 86 Isaiah 41:1–16 I Thessalonians 2:13–20 week	Psalms 88 Isaiah 2:19–3:12 Mark 5:1–20
Thursday, 7 December <i>Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)</i>	Psalms 90 Isaiah 41:17–29 I Thessalonians 3	Psalms 119:89–104 Isaiah 3:13–4:6 Mark 5:21–43
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Isaiah 26:1–6 Psalm 118:19–25 Matthew 7:21–27	
Friday, 8 December The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)</i>	Psalms 89:1–18 Isaiah 42:1–17 I Thessalonians 4:1–12	Psalms 89:19–38 Isaiah 5:1–17 Mark 6:1–13
Saturday, 9 December	Psalms 89:39–53 Isaiah 42:18–43:13 I Thessalonians 4:13–5:11	Psalms 91 Isaiah 5:18–30 Mark 6:14–29
Next Sunday, 10 December Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist and Meditation

Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

8:30 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

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation
as the Traditional Custodians 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.*



*Christ Pantokrator, with attendant angels
Basilica of Hagia Sophia
Ravenna*