



# St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER ADVENT

10 December, 2023

Setting (10:00 a.m.):

Missa Emmanuel adapt. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The service may be followed from p. 119 in An Australian Prayer Book (APBA – the green 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.*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.

*Rejoice! ...*

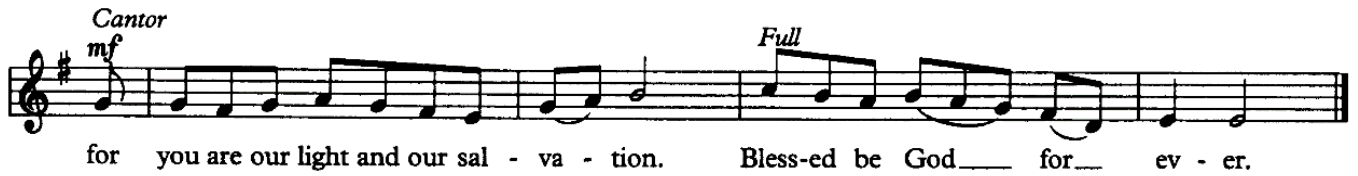
The second candle on the wreath is lit as the choir sings this prayer (at 10:00 a.m. only). The congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "Full".

*Cantor*  
*mf*

Bless-ed are you, \_\_\_\_\_ Sov-reign Lord, just \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ true: to you be praise \_\_\_\_\_ and glo-ry for \_\_\_\_\_ ev-er!

**Choir:** Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets  
but in our days you speak through your Son  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light  
that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.



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

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

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:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
 For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a

*Following the Cantor, we sing together: (at 10:00 a.m.)*

Lord have mercy.	<b>Lord have mercy.</b>
Christ have mercy.	<b>Christ have mercy.</b>
Lord have mercy.	<b>Lord have mercy.</b>

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

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

Merciful God,  
 you sent your messengers the prophets  
 to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
 give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
 that we may greet with joy  
 the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 40.1-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 85:1–2, 8–13 (at 8:00 a.m.)**

**Response: Show us your mercy, O Lord  
And grant us your salvation**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,  
you have restored the good fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people;  
and blotted out all their sins... **R.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
and shall be a pathway for his feet. **R.**

(at 10:00 a.m.)

Response & Chant: Betty Pulkingham (1928–2019)



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## SECOND READING

2 Peter 3.8–15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (*at 10:00 a.m.*): 12 (vv. 1-2, 5)

## **GOSPEL**

*Mark 1.1–8*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Prepare for the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
And 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 Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside

and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,

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

Now John was clothed with camel’s hair,

with a leather belt around his waist,

and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed,  
'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.  
I have baptized you with water;  
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

We pray for Church Schools & Kindergartens; Diocesan Provincial Council; Parish of the Holy Name of Jesus, Vermont South; St John The Baptist Lilydale; Tamil Christian Congregation of Victoria; Parish of St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley and The Church of Pakistan (United).

### **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; Christopher; Coral; Diana; Enrico; Geoff; George & Linda; Heather; Ivan; Jane; Jenny and Jeff; Joan; +John and Janine; Josie; Judy; Keith and Erica; Kelly; Linda; Noel & Reva; Patrick; Peter; Peter; Ron; Sarah; Simon; Stephen; Susan; Syd; Vilma; Venetia and those we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: John Lindley Daish; Frederick Davis; Vera Eastaugh; Colin Harris; Harriet Hood; Cecil Macnaughtan; George Matthews; Colin Prain and 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.**

Offertory Hymn (at 10:00 a.m.): 282

*During communion, the Choir sings the following anthem:*

*How beauteous are their feet,  
Who stand on Sion's hill,  
Who bring salvation on their tongues,  
And works of peace instil!*

*How blessed are our eyes  
That see this heav'nly light!  
Prophets and kings desired it long,  
But died without the sight.*

*How happy are our ears  
That hear this joyful sound,  
Which kings and prophets waited for,  
And sought, but never found!*

*The Lord makes bare his arm  
Through all the earth abroad;  
Let ev'ry nation now behold  
Their Saviour and their God.*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Final Hymn (at 10:00 a.m.): 15

*Postlude: Trio Super 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland', BWV 660  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11  
I Thessalonians 5:12–28

Psalm 126  
John 1:6–8, 19–28

## **NOTICES**

### **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

**The Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2024** is now available for collection at the entrance counter. Please make your \$20 payment to:

St George's Malvern

BSB: 703 122 Account Number: 0500 4999

with reference to "[Your Initials] Calendar 2024". Thank you.

**Training for Cabrini ministry** is on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. with Fr Aaron, at Cabrini Hospital.



## **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](mailto: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

<b>Weekdays Monday – Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Evening Prayer</b>
<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Morning Prayer in Chapel and by</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Prayer Zoom (details below)</u></b>
<b>Monday, 11 December</b>	Psalms 95; 96 Isaiah 43:14–44:5 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28	Psalms 97; 98 Isaiah 7:1–17 Mark 6:30–56
<b>Tuesday, 12 December</b>	Psalms 82; 84 Isaiah 40:18–31 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12	Psalms 103 Isaiah 7:18–8:4 Mark 7:1–23
<b>Wednesday, 13 December</b> <i>Lucy, martyr and virgin (d. 304)</i>	Psalms 101; 102:1–11 Isaiah 44:24–45:8 2 Thessalonians 2	Psalms 102:12–28 Isaiah 8:5–9:1 Mark 7:24–37
<b>Reflections on the Lections</b>		
<b>Thursday, 14 December</b> <i>John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d. 1591)</i>	Psalms 108; 109:20–30 Isaiah 45:9–25 2 Thessalonians 3	Psalms 119:105–128 Isaiah 9:2–17 Mark 8:1–13
<b>Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.</b>	Isaiah 41:13–20   Psalm 145:8–13   Matthew 11:11–15	
<b>Friday, 15 December</b>	Psalms 104:1–25 Isaiah 46:1–47:4 Revelation 14:1–12	Psalms 104:26–37 Isaiah 9:18–10:11 Mark 8:14–26
<b>Saturday, 16 December</b>	Psalms 105:1–22 Isaiah 48:1–13 Revelation 14:13–20	Psalms 105:23–45 Isaiah 10:12–32 Mark 8:27–9:1
<b>Next Sunday, 17 December</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Holy Eucharist and Meditation</b>

### 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

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

**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.*