



ADVENT SUNDAY

28 November 2021

Music at today's liturgies (10:00 a.m. only)

Hymns: (TiS) 265; 272; 515 (vv. 1, 4-6); 273

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

*For Advent Sunday, the first candle on the wreath is lit as the choir sings this prayer.
The congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "Full".*

Cantor
mf

Bless-ed are you, _____ Sov-reign Lord, *Full* God _____ of _____ our _____

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–)

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

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

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

Collect

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him,
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now ever and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
In those days and at that time
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this is the name by which it will be called:
'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 33: 14–16

Psalm 25: 1–10

Response (at 8:00 a.m.): To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

3. Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**
5. In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
6. Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.
7. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me. **R.**
8. Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore he will direct sinners in the way.
9. The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.
10. All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments. **R.**

At 10.00 a.m., sung to a chant by E. Edwards (1830–1907)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the church in Thessalonica:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy
that we feel before our God because of you?

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face
and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3: 9–13

Gospel

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, 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 Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples,

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding
of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud”
with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place,
stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves
and know that summer is already near.

So also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away
until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation
and drunkenness and the worries of this life,

and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape
all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out
and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.

And all the people would get up early in the morning
to listen to him in the temple.

Luke 21: 25–38

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; The Diocese of Sydney; Working Group on Aboriginal Matters; St Stephen's Richmond; St John's Bentleigh; Christ Church Geelong; St Mark's Forest Hill.

For all in need

Matthew, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Dunstan, Noel, +Andrew, Russell, Joan, Jackie and Barry.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Nicholas Andrew, Charles Atkins, Cathleen Ann Balla, Christopher Boniface, Frederick Fuller, Michael Hargreaves Gregory, Florence Richards, Jessie Southcott.

Anthem: *(at 10am only)*

Refrain: *Pour down, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.*

1. *Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our sins for ever.
Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you.*
2. *We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf,
and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.*
3. *You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know me and believe me.
I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.*
4. *Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed.
I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you.
I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your redeemer.*

Music: ed. Stephen Cleobury (1948–2019)

Postlude: *Wachet auf* BWV 645

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Scripture Readings next week

Malachi 3:1–14

Philippians 1:1–11

Advent 2

Song of Zechariah

Luke 3:1–6

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, 29 November <i>Ember Day</i>	Psalm 69:1–16 Isaiah 40:1–17 Mark 4:1–20	Psalm 69:17–38 Isaiah 1:18–31 1 Thessalonians 1
Tuesday, 30 November Andrew, Apostle and Martyr 9:30 – Holy Eucharist	Psalm 147 Isaiah 49:1–9a John 1:35–42	Psalm 48 Zechariah 8:20–23 John 12:20–32
Wednesday, 1 December Reflections on the Lectons at 7:30 p.m.	Psalm 74 Isaiah 41:1–16 Mark 5:1–20 by Zoom	Psalms 75; 76 Isaiah 2:19–3:12 1 Thessalonians 2:13–20 for Zoom details, see below
Thursday, 2 December <i>Frances Perry, founder of Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne</i> Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Psalm 77 Isaiah 41:17–29 Mark 5:21–43	Psalm 78:1–15 Isaiah 3:13–4:6 1 Thessalonians 3
Friday, 3 December <i>Francis Xavier, priest and missionary</i>	Psalm 78:16–38 Isaiah 42:1–17 Mark 6:1–13	Psalm 78:39–70 Isaiah 5:1–17 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12
Saturday, 4 December <i>Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer</i> Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.	Psalm 80 Isaiah 42:18–43:13 Mark 6:14–29 <i>Vigil for those whose</i>	Psalms 81 Isaiah 5: 18–30 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11 <i>vaccination status is unclear</i>
Next Sunday, 5 November Advent 2	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & meditation

NOTICES

Congratulations to Brenda Today marks the first anniversary of Brenda's Ordination to the Priesthood. Please join us for celebratory refreshments in the Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service as we give thanks to Brenda (and to God) for her faithful priestly ministry to us in this 'extraordinary' year!

As members of Brenda's Field Committee and those who were present at last week's Annual Meeting know, Brenda will finish her curacy at St George's in the new year. There will be another occasion on which we can give thanks to Brenda and God, as she leaves; today is to celebrate and give thanks for all that has been in this year.

Advent Carols Service Having missed this annual highlight last year, there will be a service of Advent Carols and Lessons **tonight**, at **6:30 p.m.** The theme for this year's service is 'From darkness to Light'. Given that both 2020 and 2021 have been years of considerable darkness, this will be an opportunity to reflect on the promises God makes to lead people from darkness into light, both with the coming of the Christ child and at the end of days when God's kingdom comes. The service will be followed with 'traditional' refreshments.

Covid Update Current advice from the Diocese is that the greater freedoms we can now enjoy at church are dependent on all present being fully vaccinated (or with medical exemption). As of next **Saturday, 4 December at 5.00 p.m.**, there will be an additional 'Vigil Eucharist' for those whose vaccination status is unclear.

Book Launch Elsbeth Jones has recently published a moving and engaging memoir: *Conversations with Stephen: Sharing our Welsh heritage*. Unsurprisingly, but graciously, Elsbeth has chosen to launch the book in the parish she has loved for many years. This will take place after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist on **Sunday, December 12.**

Zoom Details for the coming week:

Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

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

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

'Reflections on the Lections'

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 1

Meeting ID: 912 9538 3359; Passcode: 065807

Or place the following in your web browser:

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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.