



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

5 December 2021



John the Baptist by El Greco (1541-1614)

*The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*

Luke 1:2-3

Music at today's liturgies:

Hymns: 8:00 a.m. (NEH) 12; 295; 5

10:00 a.m. (TiS) 270 (omit v 4) 282 (vv. 1,2,4) 497 264

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

Today, the second candle on the wreath is lit. At 8:00 a.m., after a prayer, the response is: Blessed be God forever.

At 10:00 a.m, the candle is lit as the choir sings a prayer. The congregation is invited to join in the parts marked "Full".

Musical notation for the first part of the Mass setting. It consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff is labeled "Cantor" and "mf" (mezzo-forte). The second staff is labeled "Full". The lyrics are: "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;

Musical notation for the second part of the Mass setting. It consists of two staves of music in G major. The first staff is labeled "Cantor" and "mf" (mezzo-forte). The second staff is labeled "Full". The lyrics are: "for you are our light and our sal - va - tion. Bless-ed be God for ev - er."

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

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 21:28

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

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

Collects

God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:
keep our hearts in watchful holiness,
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Malachi:

Thus says the LORD God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—
indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the descendants of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,

until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord
as in the days of old and as in former years.

For the Psalm, *The Song of Zechariah*

Response: Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour
born of the house of his servant, David.

R.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember his holy covenant.

R.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteousness in his sight, all the days of our life.

R.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

R.

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

R.

Luke 1: 69–79

At 10.00 a.m., *Benedictus* Chant: C Hylton-stewart (1884-1932)

Second Lesson

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi:

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you,

constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,

because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you

will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you,

because you hold me in your heart,

for all of you share in God's grace with me,

both in my imprisonment

and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness,

how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer,

that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full

insight to help you to determine what is best,

so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

having produced the harvest of righteousness

that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1: 1-11

Gospel

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all 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 Luke:

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was ruler of Galilee,
and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,
during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Luke 3: 1–6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Burundi; Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens; Church of the Ascension Springvale; All Saints' Kooyong; St Andrew's Aberfeldie; St Mark's Emerald.

For all in need

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

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Frederick Davis, Vera Eastaugh, Harriet Hood, Colin Lachlan McInnes, Janette Mary Ray, Peter Reid, Maurice Street.

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH WARDENS, MEMBERS OF VESTRY AND OF THE INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE

Vicar: My brothers and sisters, we are all called to be the Body of Christ, the community of the Holy Spirit. The risen Lord Jesus pours out on his baptized people gifts and graces for the work of the Church. Today we commission these of our number who have been chosen to lead us as Churchwardens, members of Vestry, and of the Incumbency Committee. Together with the Vicar, a Vestry carries responsibility for the health and growth of God's Church in this place. In addition, Churchwardens bear particular responsibility for its financial and material well-being. The Incumbency Committee, of which our lay representatives are part, is charged to discern who the next Vicar should be.

The Vicar addresses those to be commissioned:

Lay leaders of this parish, I now ask all of you to answer before God and in the presence of this congregation:
Will you undertake your tasks wholeheartedly and faithfully, alive to the joy that Christian service brings?

Those appointed and elected respond:

I will, with God's help, and the prayerful support of others.

Vicar: I commission you for the positions to which you have been appointed and elected, and assure you of my prayers and support.

The Vicar then addresses the congregation:

People of St George's, you have heard our brothers and sisters commit themselves to these ministries.

Will you pray for them, support and encourage them, open yourselves to their leading, and work with them, so that Christ's church in this place may be built up in love?

We will, with God's help.

The Vicar continues:

Let us pray:

Living God, you have called us to be the Body of Christ.

May our parish be a sign of hope in this community.

May all we do, and all we are becoming,

bring praise to your name and draw others to your love.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus,

who came to serve and bring us the fullness of life. **Amen.**

The Vicar concludes:

May God bless you and make fruitful all that you undertake in God's name.

Amen.

Anthem: (at 10am only)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Art thou he that should come to rule thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another: go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength and come to rule thy people Israel.

All glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1524–1594)

Postlude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 661
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Scripture Readings next week

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Philippians 4:4–7

Advent 3

A Song of Isaiah

Luke 3:7–18

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. (4:30 p.m. Sat)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 6 December <i>Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist</i>	Psalm 86 Isaiah 43:14–44:5 Mark 6:30–56	Psalm 88 Isaiah 7:1–17 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28
Tuesday, 7 December <i>Ambrose, bishop of Milan, teacher</i>	Psalm 90 Isaiah 44:6–23 Mark 7:1–23	Psalm 119:89–104 Isaiah 7:18–8:4 2 Thessalonians 1
Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.	Isaiah 40:1–11;	Ps.96:7–13; Matthew 18:12–14
Wednesday, 8 December <i>The Conception of the BVM</i>	Psalm 89: 1–18 Isaiah 44:24–45:8 Mark 7:24–37	Psalm 89:19–38 Isaiah 8:5–9:1 2 Thessalonians 2
Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	by Zoom	for Zoom details, see below
Thursday, 9 December	Psalm 89:39–53 Isaiah 45:9–25 Mark 8:1–13	Psalm 91 Isaiah 9:2–17 2 Thessalonians 3
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Isaiah 41: 13–20;	Ps.145:8–13; Matthew 11:11–15
Friday, 10 December	Psalms 92; 93 Isaiah 46:1–47:4 Mark 8:14–26	Psalm 94 Isaiah 9:18–10:11 Revelation 14:1–12
Saturday, 11 December	Psalms 95; 96 Isaiah 48:1–13 Mark 8:27–9:1	Psalms 97; 98 Isaiah 10:12–32 Revelation 14:13–20
Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.		
Next Sunday, 12 November Advent 3	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist followed by Book Launch: <i>Conversations with Stephen</i> Holy Eucharist & meditation

NOTICES

Many thanks to all who made last Sunday evening's Advent Carols' Service such a memorable event: to ea and the choir, the readers and the caterers. It was a joy to be together again – and to see good numbers joining us – worshipping and singing to mark the new Christian year.

Congratulations to all appointed and elected Parish leaders, who are commissioned for their ministries today. Please continue to pray for:
Judy Mallinson, Ravi Renjen and Jenny Weller-Newton (Churchwardens);
Riley Brooks, Sandra Morgan, Venetia Patchett, Geraldine Powell, Wendy Stone, Stephen West, Meg Winter and Judy Wright (Parish Councillors);
Judy Mallinson, Ewan Morgan and Betty Renjen (Incumbency Committee).
We thank God for their willingness to serve in these roles.

Tuesday December 9 is when the Church remembers St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and one of the great teachers of the church: with Ss Augustine of Hippo, Gregory the Great and Jerome, he was one of the original 4 great doctors of the Western Church, and his influence on the other three was significant.

A eucharist will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. that morning, not least because that day also marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of Fr Matthew Dowsey. Please come to help Fr Matthew mark this special day in the community he now calls 'home'.

Book Launch Elsbeth Jones' moving and engaging memoir: *Conversations with Stephen: Sharing our Welsh heritage* will be launched **next Sunday, December 12**, after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist. Another chance to celebrate with a member of the parish family.

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 continue to meet in the Parish Hall.

Brenda is on leave until Saturday December 18. She will return to St George's on Advent 4, **December 19.**

Working Bee to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Saturday December 18** 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!

Piano Recital for Refugees by Alan Kogosowski
presented by Higgins Grandmothers for Refugees

Saturday, 11 December, 6:40 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. start
Uniting Church Sanctuary
Cnr Burke Rd & Coppin St, Malvern East

Online Bookings: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/832159
Enquiries and Phone Bookings: 0421 385 534

*Covid Protocols will be observed. Proof of vaccination must be shown.
Bring your mask; maintain social distancing as required. Wheelchair accessible.*

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 – Friday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

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

‘Reflections on the Lections’

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 8

Meeting ID: 912 9538 3359; Passcode: 065807

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/91295383359?pwd=bUpIZUdqRVRKT3gvODlhTXNhbkIKZz09>

CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE’S

Christmas Eve

Children’s & Families’ Service

5:00 p.m. (*Come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings*)

Festival Eucharist

11:30 p.m. (“Midnight Mass”) for the Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Day

Festival Eucharist

9:30 a.m. for the Nativity of our Lord



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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.