



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

12 December 2021

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

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

Hymns: (TiS) 269, 266, 584 272

Today, the third 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".

Cantor
mf

Bless-ed are you, _____ Sov-reign Lord, just _____ and _____

Full

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

Choir: The shepherds in the fields were witness to the truth, when followed the shining star. May we, like them, seek out the light, and so also be witness to him how is the Lord of all the peoples.

Cantor
mf

Je-sus our Sa - viour and King of the a-ges. Bless-ed be God _____ for _____ ev - er.

Full

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

Sentence

Do not fear.... The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love.

Following the Kyrie, during Advent, instead of the Gloria, we say together:

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

Collects

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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 Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3:14–20

For the Psalm, A Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 12: 2–6*)

**Response: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

At 10:00 a.m., sung to a chant by Ross Brooks

Second Lesson

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4–7

Gospel

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:

he sent me to bring good news to the poor.

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:

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,

‘You brood of vipers!

Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’

In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’

Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,

‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’

Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’

He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3: 7-18

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Ballarat; Defence Force Chaplains; St Mary's Sunbury; St Luke's Sydenham; Church of the Ascension Springvale.

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: John Lindley Daish, Lorna Hope Wroughton Fulton, Colin Harris, Gladys Lewis, Cecil Macnaughtan, George Matthews, Colin Prain.

Anthem: (at 10am only)

*Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.*

Let your moderation be known unto all men.

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;

but in every thing by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Postlude: *Gottes Sohn ist Kommen BWV 660*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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, 13 December <i>Lucy, Martyr</i>	Psalms 101; 102:1–11 Isaiah 10:33–11:9 Mark 9:2–32	Psalm 102:12–28 Isaiah 11:10–12:6 Revelation 15
Tuesday, 14 December <i>John of the Cross, mystic</i> Parish Council meeting 6:30 p.m.	Psalms 108; 109:20–30 Isaiah 13:1–13 Mark 9:33–50	Psalm 119:105–128 Isaiah 13:14–14:2 Revelation 16
Wednesday, 15 December Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	Psalms 104:1–25 Isaiah 14:3–23 Mark 10:1–16 <i>at the Vicarage</i>	Psalm 104:26–37 Isaiah 14:4–32 Revelation 17
Thursday, 16 December Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Psalms 105:1–22 Isaiah 15 Mark 10:17–31 Isaiah 54: 1–10	Psalm 105:23–45 Isaiah 16 Revelation 18:1–10 Ps. 30:1–5; Luke 7:24–30
Friday, 17 December	Psalms 106:1–24 Isaiah 21 Mark 10:46–11:11	Psalm 106:25–50 Isaiah 49:1–13 Revelation 19:1–10
Saturday, 18 December Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.	Psalms 107:1–22 Isaiah 22:1–14 Mark 11:12–26	Psalms 107:23–43 Isaiah 49:14–26 Revelation 19:11–21
Next Sunday, 19 November Advent 4	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & meditation

Scripture Readings next week

Micah 5:2–5a
Hebrews 10:5–10

Advent 4

Song of Mary
Luke 1:39–45

NOTICES

Book Launch Elsbeth Jones' memoir: *Conversations with Stephen: Sharing our Welsh heritage* will be launched **today** after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist.

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.

Working Bee to prepare the church for Christmas begins at 9:30 a.m. (following Morning Prayer) next **Saturday December 18.**

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

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

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CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE'S

Christmas Eve

Children's & Families' Service

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

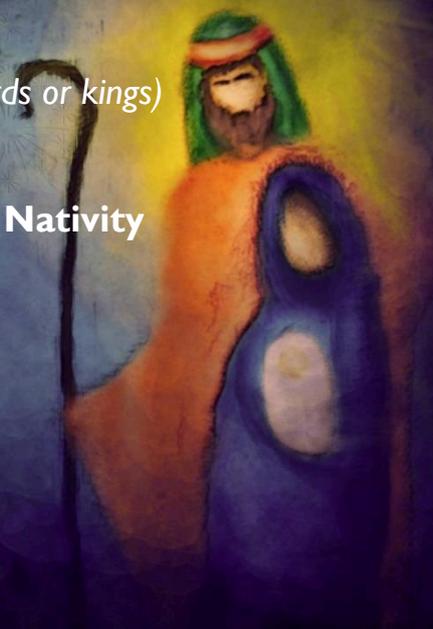
Festival Eucharist

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.