



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

19 December 2021

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

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

Hymns: (TiS) 283, 302, 265, 161

Today, the fourth 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, mer - ci - ful _____ and _____
Full gen - tle: to you__ be praise__ and glo - ry for__ ev - er!

Choir only: Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of Blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and like the angels, sing of the coming of your Son

Cantor *mf* who is the Lord _____ and Sa-viour of all. Bless-ed be God _____ for _____ ev - er.
Full

Words: The Archbishops' Council (Church of England)

Music: Malcolm Archer (1952–)

The Service continues on p. 119 of A Prayer Book for Australia.

Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

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 *(we pray the Collects for today and for the season of Advent)*

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
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 Micah:

The LORD says to his people: 'But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.'

Micah 5:2–5a

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

For the Psalm, *The Song of Mary* (*Magnificat – Luke 1:46–55*)

Response: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

R.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

R.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and he has lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

R.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered the promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our forebears;
to Abraham and his children for ever.’

R.

At 10:00 a.m., sung to a chant by William Knyvett (1779–1856)

Second Lesson

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

When Christ came into the world, he said,
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above,

‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings
and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’

(these are offered according to the law), then he added,

‘See, I have come to do your will.’

He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10: 5–10

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the servant of the Lord:

let it be done to me according to God's word.

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 those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Luke 1: 39–45

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Church of the Province of Central Africa; The Diocese of Gippsland; Police Force Chaplains and members of the Police Force; St Mark's Templestowe; St Philip's Collingwood; St Alban's the Martyr.

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, John, Brian, Jackie, Barry and John.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Elgin Dahlenburg, Judith Daish, Elizabeth Ruth Duffield, Albert Edward Grinham, Edward Lesh, Yvonne Elisabeth Lester, Derrick Osmond, Ron Plant, Beryl Pringle, Mary Monica Smith, Jessica Wakefield, Adam Walker.

Anthem: *(at 10 a.m. only)*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Music: David Basden (1957–)

Postlude: *Meine Seele erhebt den Herren* BWV 733
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CHRISTMAS AT ST GEORGE'S

Christmas Eve

Children's & Families' Service

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

From 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Carols *leading to..*

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



THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday (Friday*)	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. (4:00 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, 20 December <i>O Orientium</i>	Psalms 114; 115 Isaiah 23:8–18 Mark 12:12–27	Psalms 116; 117 Isaiah 51:1–10 Revelation 20:11–21:8
Tuesday, 21 December Thomas, Apostle & Martyr <i>O Rex Gentium</i> Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.	Psalms 34 Job 42:1–6 1 Peter 1:3–9	Psalms 92 2 Samuel 15:17–21 John 11:1–16
Wednesday, 22 December <i>O Emmanuel</i>	Psalms 118:1–18 Isaiah 24:21–25:9 Mark 12:41–13:13	Psalms 118:19–29; 120 Isaiah 52:1–12 Revelation 21:22–22:5
Thursday, 23 December <i>O Virgo Virginum</i> Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Psalms 124; 125; 126 Isaiah 26:1–19 Mark 13:14–37 Malachi 3:1–4, 4:2–3;	Psalms 127; 128; 129 Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Revelation 22:6–13 Ps. 25:3–9; Luke 1:57–66
Friday, 24 December <i>at Evening Prayer: the Birth of our Lord</i> Children’s and Families’ Service Carols, followed by Midnight Mass	Psalms 130; 131; 133 Isaiah 27:2–13 Galatians 3:23–4:7 5:00 p.m. from 11:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.	*Psalm 132 Isaiah 33:17–22 Revelation 22:14–21
Saturday, 25 December <i>The Birth of our Lord</i> Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.	Psalms 132:10–18 Micah 4:1–8 1 John 4:7–21	Psalms 138 Micah 5:2–5a Matthew 1:18–2:6
Next Sunday, 26 December Stephen, Proto-Martyr; 1st of Christmas	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist and Meditation

NOTICES

Covid update Following an announcement from the Health Department on Wednesday last, the Diocese issued new guidelines, which meant that from last Thursday, regulations and requirements governing St George's changed:

Vaccination status need no longer be checked; meaning all services are open to all. Only those vaccinated are allowed to share in post-service hospitality, however;

There is no limit on numbers attending;

Masks are no longer mandatory;

QR check in (or use of the Kiosk) remains **mandatory**, and hand sanitizing remains a sensible procedure.

All of this is good news; but we should continue to exercise caution as a sign of our mutual responsibility for the well-being of all in our community and parish.

Thank you to all who took part in the Working Bee yesterday. The Church building, as well as its members, are now ready to welcome and celebrate the birth of our Lord.

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.

Please note the **Parish Office is closed from Thursday, December 23 and will reopen on Monday, January 24.**

Brenda is on leave from Monday December 27. She will return at the end of January.

Zoom Details for the coming week:

Morning Prayer

**9:00 a.m., Monday – Friday;
8:30 a.m. 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 – Thursday, Saturday;
4:30 p.m. Friday**

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Scripture Readings next week

2 Chronicles 24:17–22
Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–60

St Stephen, Martyr

Psalms 31:1–8
Matthew 10:17–22

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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.