



**ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH,  
MALVERN**

**ADVENT SUNDAY**



*Christ Pantocrator in Martorama*  
from Santa Maria dell'Ammiraglio, Palermo  
(c. 12<sup>th</sup> century)

I December 2024  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.**

SETTING AT 10:00 A.M.

*The Hadleigh Setting – Alan Ridout (1934–96)*

*The service begins on p. 119 of **A Prayer Book for Australia** (The “Green” or “Blue” book); seasonal material for Advent is to be found on p. 147*

Opening Hymn:

- I. 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.*

*For Advent Sunday, the first candle on the wreath is lit.  
At 8:00 a.m., we say as follows:*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

**All: God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever!**

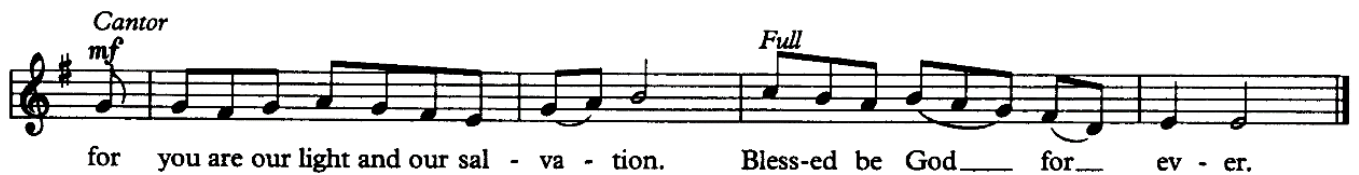
Celebrant: You call all people to live by the light of faith,  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful  
To receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,  
For you are our light and salvation.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

*At 10:00 a.m., the choir sings as follows, with the congregation joining in the parts marked “Full”:*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor, marked *mf*, and the second staff is for the congregation, marked *Full*. The lyrics are: "Bless-ed are you, Sov-reign Lord, God of our an-ces-tors: to you be praise and glo-ry for ev-er!". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

*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,



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-)

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

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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

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

*Luke 21:28*

*We sing together:*

**Lord have mercy. (x 3).**  
**Christ have mercy. (x 3).**  
**Lord have mercy. (x 3).**

*Confession and Absolution follow.*

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

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

## **Collect of the day and of the season:**

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, for ever and for 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**

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

A reading from the book of the prophet 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.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 25:1-10

**Response: To you O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

(at 8:00 a.m.)

1. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated; nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R.**
3. Show me your ways, O LORD; and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you I have trusted all the day long. **R.**
5. Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**
7. Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8. He guides the humble in what is right, and teaches his way to the lowly. **R.**
9. All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness,  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
10. For your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my sin, for it is great. **R.**

(at 10.00 a.m.):



1. O LORD, make me know your ways; O LORD, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth and teach me;  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. The LORD is good and upright, and shows the path to those who stray.  
The LORD guides the humble in the right path,  
and teaches God's way to the poor. **R.**
3. The LORD's ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep God's will.  
The LORD's friendship is for those who are faithful,  
to them God's love has been revealed. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 15

## GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25–38*



Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

For the gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For the Anglican Church**

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese of Perth; Archdeaconry of Melbourne; St Luke's Torquay; Church of the Transfiguration, Anglesea and St Aidan's, Aireys Inlet; St Mark's, Templestowe; St James the Less, Mt. Eliza; All Saints', Rosebud w St Katherine's, McCrae; St Columb's, Hawthorn; and St John's, Epping.

### **For all in need**

Ann; Helen; Hilary; John; Kaye; Keith; Manuel; Matthew; Pam; Roma; the families of Janine Stewart and Margaret Taylor.

### **For the Faithful Departed**

We remember those who have died recently: Janine Stewart; Margaret Taylor and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Nicholas Andrew; Charles Atkins; Cathleen Ann Balla ; Christopher Boniface; Michael Hargreaves Gregory; Colin Lachlan McInnes; Florence Richards; and Jessie Southcott.

Offertory Hymn: 296

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

*People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Music: Besançon carol

Arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

Final Hymn: 16

*Postlude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## Scripture Readings next week

Malachi 3:1–14

Philippians 1:1–11

## Second Sunday of Advent

Song of Zechariah

Luke 3:1–6





<b>Roster for today ADVENT SUNDAY 1 December 2024</b>		<b>Roster for next Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 December 2024</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-person	Simon Dickie	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolyte	Bryan Elmes	Acolyte	Ravi Renjen
Eucharistic Assistants	Bryan Elmes Leigh Mackay	Eucharistic Assistants	Betty Renjen Simon Dickie
Intercessor	Malcolm Tadgell	Intercessor	Leigh Mackay
Readers	Lorilae Garcia Jane Baddeley	Readers	Charles Tegner Simon Dickie
<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Sandra Morgan Ewan Morgan	Sides-persons	Melissa Carson Philip Jenkins
Acolytes	Meg Winter Philip Jenkins	Acolytes	Pam Felgate Vincent Amos
Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Judy Mallinson	Eucharistic Assistants	Geraldine Powell Pam Felgate
Intercessor	John Stewart	Intercessor	Meg Winter
Readers	Gavin Watson Suzie Hill	Readers	Jenny Macpherson Riley Brooks
Morning Tea	Suzanne Lennie Robyn Whitehouse	Morning Tea	Cynthia Kunaratnam Robin Barrett
<b>6:00 p.m. Advent Carols</b>		<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sides-persons	Miriam Cherry Leigh Mackay	Sides-person	Miriam Cherry
Acolytes	Pam Felgate Malcolm Tadgell	Reader	Miriam Cherry
Readers	Andrea King Leigh Mackay Ewan Morgan David Sheppard		
<b>Thursday 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>			
Sides-person	Miriam Cherry		
Reader	Miriam Cherry		

## The Week Ahead

Monday	Frances Perry, founder of the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)
Tuesday	Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552)
Wednesday	Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer (d. 1637)
Friday	Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. c. 342)
Saturday	Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)

A reminder that the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) are prayed in St Martin's Chapel each Monday – Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively, and can be joined via Zoom at:

**Morning Prayer** **8:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

**Evening Prayer** **5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday**

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

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

## NOTICES

We celebrate the **beginning of the Christian Year “Year C (Luke)”** today, and **complete our “New Year’s Day celebrations” with our Advent Carols Service** this evening at 6:00 p.m. Do come along and invite friends for this wonderful beginning to the Church’s New Year. Please remember to bring a plate to share for supper.

**Andrew Murray** concludes his placement as our theological student **today**, and he will be recognised with a special morning tea after the 10:00 a.m. service. Please bring a plate to contribute to this. While Andrew hopes to be with us on Sundays up to Christmas, there is an opportunity to give for a gift from the parish to thank Andrew for his ministry among us. Please place any donation in an envelope and hand it to a warden, the Vicar or Curate.

**Lunch Book club** meets tomorrow **Monday 2 December at NOON in North Room**. We will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garman and then **enjoy Christmas lunch together**. You are most welcome to join us for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

### Looking ahead:

On **Sunday 15 December at 2:00 p.m.**, the Choir of St George’s together with Stonnington City Brass will present a concert entitled *Celebrate Christmas with Brass and Voice*. Tickets (free) can be booked here: [www.trybooking.com/CXGPP](http://www.trybooking.com/CXGPP)

**A Working Bee** to clean the Church in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Saturday December 21 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!

## **First Sunday of Christmas, December 29**

There will be a combined service on this morning, which will be an opportunity for all in the parish to say “thank you and farewell” to our Assistant Curate, Aaron Ghiloni, and Jodi. Do ensure you are present to mark a sad day for us in one way, but a day also on which to give thanks for all that has been given to us in the past two years.

**Please: (1) collect an envelope** from the sidespersons’ desk from today in which to offer money towards a ‘thank you’ gift for Aaron, **or use the tap and go machine**, ensuring you record the date and amount given (no names necessary), so that your gift offering is not caught up with other funds received via tap and go;

**(2)** let Sandra Morgan know of anything you are willing to bring to a ‘brunch’ after the service.



Of your charity, **please continue to pray** for those in long term need or sickness:

His Majesty the King; HRH The Princess of Wales; Angus; Ann; Geoff; Ivan; Jane; Joan; Liza; Sarah; and Simon.

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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of this unceded 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.*