

Christ Church  North Adelaide

THE ADVENT OF GOD

St Andrew's Tide Intercessions for Mission Sunday

(Advent Lessons and Carols)

ABM **Anglican Board of Mission - Australia**
Working for Love, Hope & Justice



Sunday, 29 November 2015

6.00pm

President

The Most Rev'd Dr Jeffrey Driver
Archbishop of Adelaide

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The Rev'd Keith Brice

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Choir of Christ Church North Adelaide

Readers:

For Anglican Board of Mission—Australia
Emma Riggs & Brad Chapman

For Bush Church Aid Society
Henry Schafing & Aila Alderson

For Church Missionary Society
Jim & Rowena Dunk

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the Choir sings from the West End of the Church:

I look from afar (Matin Responsory)

adapted from Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over 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,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

All stand to sing the Processional Hymn:

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius



**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.**

**2. Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to us displayed.**

**3. From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.**

**4. O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.**

**5. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.**

**6. O Jesu, virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

*Words: St Ambrose (c.340-397)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others*

BIDDING PRAYER

BELOVED IN CHRIST, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The classic understanding of mission derives from an individual Christian's aspiration to share his or her faith with others. This desire continues to lead many to make significant sacrifices in their lives in order to take the message of Jesus Christ to others. A missionary is one above all who thirsts for God and God's people.

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

Let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church and its agencies in mission, particularly the Anglican Board of Mission —Australia, Bush Church Aid and the Church Missionary Society that all may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

With these prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-8

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Reader: Emma Riggs

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!”

Says your God.

“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,

That her warfare is ended,

That her iniquity is pardoned;

For she has received from the Lord’s hand

Double for all her sins.”

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make straight in the desert

A highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted

And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough places smooth;

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

The voice said, “Cry out!”

And he said, “What shall I cry?”

“All flesh is grass,

And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.”

[At the end of each Lesson, the Reader should pause and say:

“Thanks be to God.”]

The ABM Prayer

Sending God, continue to bless the work of the Anglican Board of Mission in its every aspect. Bless those who support its work, those who organise, those who connect with partners, those who design projects and those who work with other organisations and government. Help us to know our need of each other to discern and fulfil your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Advent Prose: Drop down, ye heavens, from above

RORATE CAELI Mode i

Drop down, ye hea - vens, from a - bove, —

and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

Congregation:

***Drop down ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

Choir:

1. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

Congregation:

Drop down ye heavens ...

2. We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Drop down ye heavens ...

3. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down ye heavens ...

4. Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down ye heavens...

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King.

Reader: Henry Schafing

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,
“That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Melody adapted from a French Missal
by Thomas Helmore



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

Refrain:

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

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave: *Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight: *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery: *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe: *Refrain*

*Words: Latin, twelfth century;
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), 1851*

Third Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Reader: Jim Dunk

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.’”

Prayer for mission in Jerusalem and the Middle East:

God of transformation, be present with those in Jerusalem and the Middle East in their struggles and their search for integrity. Every person, every family, every neighbourhood, every community and every nation relies on your help to become who we truly are as members of one global family. Send your Spirit to move among us afresh and give us a new vision of who we are and what we can become, in the likeness of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Choir: Sleepers, Wake! Felix Mendelssohn

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling, It is the watchman on the walls: Thou City of
Jerusalem!

For lo! the Bridegroom comes! Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah!

Awake! His kingdom is at hand! Go forth to meet your Lord!

(Philipp Nicolai, trans. W. Ball)

Fourth Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9

The Prophet foretells the advent of the Desire of All Nations.

Reader: Brad Chapman

“For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

Prayer for generous support for the work of mission:

Bountiful God, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that all our possessions are a trust from thee, grant to your faithful people generous hearts and minds in financial and material support for the work of mission and our mission agencies. That your children may be blessed and your kingdom advanced. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Cross of Jesus*

CROSS OF JESUS

John Stainer



**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God.

Reader: Aila Alderson

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;
It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
The excellency of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
And make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are fearful-hearted,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
With the recompense of God;
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing.
For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert.

BCA Prayer

Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society. Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: O Ignis Spiritus Sebastian Phlox [commissioned by CCNA 2015]

O ignis Spiritus paracliti,
vita vite omnis creature,
sanctus es vivificando formas.

*O fire of the Spirit and Defender,
the life of every life created:
Holy are you – giving life to every form.*

O spiraculum sanctitatis,
o ignis caritatis,
o dulcis gustus in pectoribus
et infusio cordium in bono odore
virtutum.

*O breath of holiness,
O fire of love,
O taste so sweet within the breast,
that floods the heart with virtues' fragrant
good.*

O iter fortissimum, quod penetravit
omnia
in altissimis et in terrenis
et in omnibus abyssis,
tu omnes componis et colligis.

Unde laus tibi sit, qui es sonus laudis
et gaudium vite, spes et honor
fortissimus,
dans premia lucis.

*O mighty course that runs within and through
all
– up in the heights, upon the earth,
and in every depth –
you bind and gather all together.*

*And so may you be praised, who are the
sound of praise,
the joy of life, the hope and potent honour,
and the giver of the gifts of light.*

(Hildegard von Bingen. Trans. Nathaniel Campbell)

Sixth Lesson: St Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reader: Rowena Dunk

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Prayer for the raising up of candidates for mission:

Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ gave commandment to the apostles that they should go into the world, and preach the gospel to all people: Raise up, we pray, true and faithful people to continue that work in our time, that they may seek and find the dispersed and lost, and bring them home to thy flock; and grant us grace to work with them by our prayers and offerings for the building up of your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: Богородице Дево (Bogoroditse Devo)
(from the All-Night Vigil, Op 37) **Sergei Rachmaninov**

*Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos [Mother of God],
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
for thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.*

(from the Liturgy of Vespers)

Seventh Lesson: St Mark 1:1-4a, 7-15
Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.
Reader: The Rev'd Keith Brice

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets:

“Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.”

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make His paths straight.’”

John came baptizing in the wilderness.

And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The CMS Prayer

God of love, whose will it is that everyone should be saved, bless the Church Missionary Society and those who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, to teach and to heal. Guard, guide and use them; raise up more people in your worldwide church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed: through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding *Merton*

MERTON

W. H. Monk



**Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day."**

**Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;**

MERTON

W. H. Monk



**That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.**

Words: Latin, trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Homily

The Rev'd Stephen Davis

Hymn: The advent of our King *St Thomas*

ST THOMAS

from Aaron Williams's
"New Universal Psalmodist", 1770



**The advent of our King
our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing
in strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son
incarnate deigns to be;
himself a servant's form puts on,
to set his servants free.**

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet thy lowly King;
nor let thy faithless heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
and his true members all unite
with him in heaven to reign.

All glory to the Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever One,
through all eternity.

*Words: Charles Coffin, 1736;
trans. John Chandler, 1837*

Prayers

Prayer for St Andrew

Everliving God, whose apostle Andrew heard the call of your Son and followed, bringing his brother with him: inspire us, like him, to offer ourselves readily for your service and to tell others the good news of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: CP 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending *Helmsley*

HELMSLEY

Melody noted by Thomas Olivers, and included in
John Wesley's "Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed", 1765



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley and John Cennick

Organ Postlude

Vom Himmel hoch, da Komm ich her *Johann Pachelbel*

Remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart in procession

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