

Christ Church  North Adelaide



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Choral Eucharist
from the
Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 22 December 2019



From the Locum Tenens

Welcome to Christ Church on this this Fourth Sunday of Advent and a special welcome to any visitors with us today. Please join us for morning tea in the parish hall following the service.

We are rapidly approaching the celebration of the nativity of Christ. Please remember the Crib service at 5pm Christmas Eve and the midnight Mass beginning at 11pm. Christmas Day this year we will be offering Holy Communion at 8am and choral Eucharist at 10am.

Please do come and rejoice as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today we celebrate the conclusion of the season of Advent, the time of waiting is almost over. We have been counting off the weeks with our Advent wreath, and today the last purple, penitential, candle is set alight. The white candle, the Jesus candle, will be set alight on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world.

Remember to pray for the people who will be travelling over the Christmas period. Some of our parish family will be flying, driving, or sailing away for a special Christmas with family and friends. Please travel safely and return to us at the conclusion of your journey.

May our God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit keep you safe.

I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and holy Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Adrian Stephens

HEARING AID USERS

This church is fitted with a hearing aid loop (Tele coil system). If your hearing aid is fitted with a tele coil setting you may wish to try this feature.

The People shall stand for the entry of the Sanctuary Party.

∩ The Lord be with you.

⌘ **And with thy Spirit.**

THEN THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES WILL BE LIGHTED

Christmas is the miracle of God's love made flesh among us. In all our unworthiness God chose this incredible way of showing us how much God loves each person. With wonder, awe, thanksgiving and humility, we await the coming of Love among us, holding all things together.

(The fourth candle is lighted.)

We light these candles of hope, peace, joy and love to proclaim that God's light is coming into our darkness.

Let us pray:

God of Love, we confess how difficult it can be for us to love. Create in us clean, loving hearts that we may draw near the manger that holds Love Incarnate. Make Your love real in all our relationships, leading us beyond the misunderstandings, hurts, and dislikes which separate us. Teach us anew the ways of Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be said the Introit Sentence



ROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour.

Is. 45. 8

Then shall be sung the hymn for the Introit

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

All kneel. The Priest prays:



UR 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. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say, together with the People:



ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung: [setting: Merbecke]

Kyrie, eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe, eleison	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie, eleison	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall be said the Collect for the Day.

Let us pray.



OLORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**



ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Then shall the People sit for the Epistle.

The Epistle is written in the Fourth Chapter of the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, beginning at the fourth verse.



REJOICE in the Lord alway, 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 Christ Jesus.

Here endeth the Epistle.

Then shall the people stand to sing Psalm 103. 14-22 for the Gradual

Samuel Wesley



For he knoweth whereof | we are | made :

he re|membereth that | we are but | dust.

15 The days of man | are but as | grass :

for he flourisheth | as a | flower of the | field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it | it is | gone :

and the | place thereof shall | know it no | more.

**17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever,
upon | them that | fear him:**

and his righteousnes up|on | children 's | children;

Second part **18 Even upon such as | keep his | covenant :**

and think upon | his com|mandments to | do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his | seat in | heaven :

and his kingdom | ruleth | over | all.

20 O praise the Lord ye angels of his, ye that ex|cel in | strength :

ye that fulfil his commandment,

and hearken | unto the | voice of his | words.



21 O praise the Lord all | ye his | hosts :

ye servants of | his that | do his | pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his,

in all places of | his do | minion :

praise thou the | Lord | O my | soul.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son :

and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be :

world without | end | A | men.

At the beginning of the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, O Lord, and tarry not:

forgive the misdeeds of thy people Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel is written in the first Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the eighteenth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the

Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then shall be sung the Creed by Priest and People:

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

AND in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, *And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

AND I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. **And** I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. **And** I look for the ☩ Resurrection of the dead, **And** the life of the world to come. Amen.

Then shall the People sit for the Sermon.

The Priest shall begin the Offertory, saying this sentence of Scripture,



AIL, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Luke. 1.28

Then shall the people stand to sing the Hymn for the Offertory.

38 The people that in darkness sat Dundee

Then shall be said the Prayers, the people kneeling humbly upon their knees.

Wider Church:

Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement: His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

National Church:

Sydney: Glenn Davies

Adelaide

St Francis, Trinity College, Gawler: Dave MacGillivray

The Sick:

Jan Keay, Penny Howell, Marianne Tucker, John, Wayne Butler, Bishop David McCall, David Presgrave, Kylie, Jean Yeun, John, Rosemary Bourne, Pamela Terry, Keith and Caroline Brice, Joseph Danes, Margaret Whittle

Continuing Prayers for:

Fr David Keay, Heather Denholm, Andrew Pavy, Thomas Ottway, Anthony Moester, Natasha Horn, John Pfitzner, Jill Turbott, Fr John Edwards, Ruth Gallasch, Michael & Emma Boundy, Geraldine, Ray, Barry, Susan, Patsy Sellars, Beverley, Tara, Milo, Ralph Archbold, Juliana


Years' Mind:

Ian B. McBryde, Brian D. Bruce, A. John Davies, Wilfred E. Dennis, Phyllis E. Burston, Elizabeth (Betty) M. Porter, Mary (Mollie) L. Brooksbank, Mary P. Walsh, Albert L. Wiggins, Jack Walsh

℣ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

℟ ✠ **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**


Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy Servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

AND to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest say

E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth

in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Then shall this general Confession be made.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest, turning himself to the people, pronounce the Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Priest say

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Mtt 11:28

SO God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *Jn 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

THIS is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Tim 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith:

IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.
1 Jn 2:1

After which the Priest shall proceed:

∇ The Lord be with you

Ɀ **And with thy spirit.**

∇ Lift up your hearts.

Ɀ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

∇ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Ɀ **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Then shall be sung

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.


✠Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

Then shall be said this Prayer:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy

dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Then the Priest, standing before the Table, shall say the Prayer of Consecration.

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. ✠

LIKEWISE after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

DRINK YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS: DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. ✠

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

MOST humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may

be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

AND although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Then shall the Priest sing the Lord's Prayer, together with the People.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:



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 peace of the Lord be alway with you.

℞ **And with thy spirit.**

Then shall be sung the Agnus Dei.

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

☩ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that takest away the sins of the world; happy are they that are called to his supper.

℞ **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof but speak the word only and thy servant shall be healed.**

And after that shall the people, meekly kneeling, receive communion.

The Ministry of the Laying on of Hands and Prayer is offered in the Lady Chapel by Fr David Keay (when present) during the distribution of Communion. Please avail yourself of this Ministry of Prayer.

Then shall the choir sing the Motet:

Motet: Canite tuba *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*


Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope
est dies Domini:
ecce venit ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
veni Domine et noli tardare. Alleluia.

*Sound the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh:
behold, he cometh for our salvation.
The crooked paths shall be made
straight: and the rough places smooth:
Come, O Lord, and wait not.
Alleluia.*

Then shall be sung the Communion Hymn

242 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came *Gabriel's Message*

After shall be said as followeth:

LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Then the Priest shall give this Blessing. Please kneel.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Then shall be sung the Final Hymn

24 Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Cross of Jesus*

Then shall be played the Postlude for the recession of the Sanctuary Party

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Please join us for morning tea in the hall.

ABM PEW REFLECTIONS

- Pray this week that you may become more and more like God himself by following the example of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today the staff and students at Newton Theological College in Popondetta.

NOTICES

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Lessons and Carols service will be held this evening at 7.00pm.

ADVENT WREATH INFORMATION

At the doors of the Church flyers are available which give details of the background of the Advent Wreath. You are invited to take one.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

On the Sundays in Advent at morning tea you will find a collection box, clearly labelled *Christmas Bowl*, for a gold coin or two donations, and Act for Peace envelopes for you to forward for tax deductible donations - your gift will "*help many more families in urgent need of your support.*"

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christ Church Christmas cards are now available for sale in the Parish Hall for \$10 for a packet of 10, or \$1 each.

2020 PARISH DIARY

Copies of the Parish Diary for next year are now available for collection from the rear of the Church. There are also some spare copies for those of you who have not ordered one.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on Christmas Day and will re-open on Wednesday, 8 January 2020.

BAPTISM AND CHILDREN'S PARTY

The grandson of our playgroup coordinator, Jean Bain, who is visiting from the United States, will be baptised on **Friday 27 December at 12 noon**. The baptism will be followed by a party for all children. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our gratitude to Jean for the passion with which she leads the playgroup, and her dedication to children and their families. There will be some Christmas activities and music at the party which will follow the baptism during which children can gather around close to the font to see what happens.

RSVP to Joan, outreach@ccna.asn.au, would be helpful for catering purposes.

NAME TAGS

Some people, new to the parish, and visitors, have been attending our services. As a courtesy to them, please wear your name tags. Thank You.

GUARDIAN MAGAZINE

The latest edition of the Guardian are now available. Please take home a copy from the back of the church.

SUPPORTER MAGAZINE

Copies of the latest edition of Supporter magazine are now available. Please collect a copy from the back of the church and take home

HOSPITAL VISITING

If you or a relative are suddenly going to hospital would you please try to let the parish office know about this, or ask a family member to do so. Hospitals are no longer asking for details of religious affiliation, and hospital chaplains are not aware of Anglican patients unless they are told. The chaplains have expressed real gratitude for receiving such advice from parishes.

RETREAT ON LAKE COMO, ITALY, OCTOBER 2020

The Church of the Ascension at Cadenabbia on Lake Como will be holding a Holiday Retreat attended by people from all over the world from the Anglican Communion. For further information, see the noticeboard in the foyer.

QUIRE ST NICOLAS

presents

Goodwill, Good Cheer!

Sunday 22 December, 3.00pm at St John's Halifax, followed by refreshments.
An offering will be collected.

EVENSONG / EVENING PRAYER

Just a reminder that there will be no Evensong next Sunday, 29 December.
Evening Prayer will resume on 5 January 2020.

Please stay in touch!

Name

Address

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Email

Phone

I would like to receive the Christ Church Chronicles and news updates by email
YES / NO

THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd

8.00am

10.00am

7.00pm

4th Sunday in Advent

Holy Eucharist

Choral Eucharist

Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th

5.00pm

11.00pm

Christmas Eve

Family Crib Service *with live Animals and Nativity*

Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th

8.00am

10.00am

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 29th

8.00am

10.00am

1st Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist

Sung Eucharist

No Litany or Evensong