



Anglican Parish of the Parks St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park

Third Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Sunday 12 December 2021



Today's service will be livestreamed and recorded for viewing at a later time:
at <http://video.parishoftheparks.com.au>.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Boonwurrung people, the original owners of this land, and acknowledge the people and elders of the Eastern Kulin nation who have traditional connections with, and responsibility for, the land on which we meet.

From Rev. Sophie

As we've been preparing to say farewell to Tara this week, we've also begun to look towards the process of replacing her.

Which leads me to say, of course, that Tara is irreplaceable! There is much that we have enjoyed about having Tara as our parish secretary.

When I think of the work Tara has done for us over the past four years, what stays in my mind is her calm and single-minded focus, her sense of what is right, her ability to sift through a myriad of materials and find what is needed and her gut instinct about how to navigate a wide range of interesting requests that come through the parish office each day. I have valued her eye for design and detail when it comes to creating visuals for bill boards and other such publicity. We wish Tara well as she embarks on the next stage of her employment journey.

We are in a time of transition with regards a parish secretary, but we are also in a time of transition in our spiritual lives. Advent is a time of transition, it's about being on the road and preparing for the coming of the One who will make us whole. We look forward eagerly to his coming whilst hearing biblical stories about the ways God has been faithful in the past and promises to be faithful in the future.

We are also in a state of transition in our civic lives as the world tries to live with Covid in ways that keep us all as safe as possible. We don't really know how it will develop and that unknowing is hard and tiring. We are all completely over having our plans thwarted or having to isolate when we get a scratch in our throats! It's tedious, but it's the cost of re-emerging from lockdown and the cost of loving one another.

Let us care for one another tenderly through these times of transition, never forgetting that God holds us all with love and fierce parental care.

Love and blessings
Sophie



Reminder

If you are attending the service please observe these important Covid safe rules:

- If you or your close contacts are symptomatic please self-exclude
- Masks must be worn indoors
- Please maintain social distancing where possible
- Use the hand sanitiser provided at the entrance to the church
- Please do not to shake hands

Registering your attendance via QR code is now compulsory:

We can no longer use paper recording for your attendance. If you are unable to use the QR code, please ask a welcomer or Covid officer to register your attendance on their phone.

For future registrations: if you need assistance with downloading the Service Victoria app, please ask a welcomer or the Covid officer after the service. The sign-in app pre-fills your details and is easy to use.

Communion

Please sanitise your hands before and after receiving communion.

Gathering in God's name

Music before the service *Mary had a baby* arr. by Andrew Gant

A bell is rung as a signal for all to stand

Hymn TIS 270

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For you are our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

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Presider The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Let us pray

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy for the Wreath Third Sunday of Advent

Presider Today we light the first, second,
and third candles of the Advent wreath,
candles for hope, peace and joy.

The candles are lit.

Sr Server You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the
mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all
the trees of the field will clap their hands.
(Isaiah 55:12)

Presider Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide
with us in the Holy Spirit.

**All Fill us with your joy,
and help us shine as a light to the world.
Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete.
Amen.**

Carol *An Advent Carol*

1. Tell of a world created by God's breath
but marred and broken, captive now to death;
tell of its people hurt and astray –
and trapped in darkness, doubt and disarray.

Refrain

*Then sing of hope
as de--epest night
is pierced by uncreated Light!*

2. Tell of the prophets through whose fiery word
God's call to peace and justice could be heard;
and tell of those whose speaking today
unlocks the plan and pattern of His way.

*Then sing of hope
for wo--rds make plain
that earth will see God's Kingdom reign!*

3. Tell of the voice of challenge and command:
‘Repent! Prepare! God’s coming is at hand’;
and tell of those who hearing, turn
to find the one for whom they yearn.

*Then sing of hope
where offered hearts
become the place true living starts!*

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The Prayer of the Day

Presider Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:

All **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.**

The Sacred Story

The First Reading:

Philippians 4: 1-13

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and

your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader For the word of the Lord,
All **thanks be to God.**

Hymn TIS 271 vv 1-3 & 6

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| 1. The advent of our God
with eager prayers we greet,
and singing hasten on his road
his coming reign to meet. | 3. Let Zion now arise
to greet her infant king,
and gladly take with thankful heart
the peace he comes to bring. |
| 2. The everlasting Son
was born to make us free;
and he a servant's form put on
to gain our liberty. | 6. Praise to the incarnate Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
to all eternity. |

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Gospel Acclamation

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider The Gospel of our Lord, according to Luke
(Luke 3: 7-18).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’

⁸ 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.’ ⁹ 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.’ ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’

¹⁴ 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.’ ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptise 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 baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ ¹⁷ 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.’ ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Presider For the Gospel of our Lord,
All praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon

Music after the Sermon

A solo sung by Jo Roach *Suo Gan* (Sleep my baby)

Traditional Welsh melody. To be sung in Welsh.

Please stand

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Let us affirm as ours the faith of the Church (*APBA p 37*)

**All We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people.
and brings all things to their true end.**

Presider This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**All We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

After each petition: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

Presider Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Sr Server When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Silence

Sr Server Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

All stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Presider We are the body of Christ.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

*Sophie will re-introduce a creative method of sharing the peace that
keeps us connected whilst also maintaining social distance*

The Offertory

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<http://offertory.parishoftheparks.com.au>
or scan the Offertory QR code at right.*



Offertory hymn TIS 194 vv 1-4

1. O love how deep, how broad, how high! it fills the
heart with ec — sta — sy that God, the Son of
God, should take our mor—tal form for mor—tals' sake.

2. He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptised, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.

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Presider Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues the prayer
... for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues the prayer
... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues the prayer
...in never-ending praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident to pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,

All For we all share in the one bread.

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Communion Protocol

1. Please remove your mask.



2. Sanitise hands at the pew.



3. Receive Communion and then
put mask back on.



4. Sanitise hands back at the pew.



Song during Communion by the Consort

When God was minded to be born

Text :Mark Woodruff (born 1952)

Traditional English melody arranged by Malcolm Archer (born 1952)

The Presider leads the post Communion prayer, concluding with

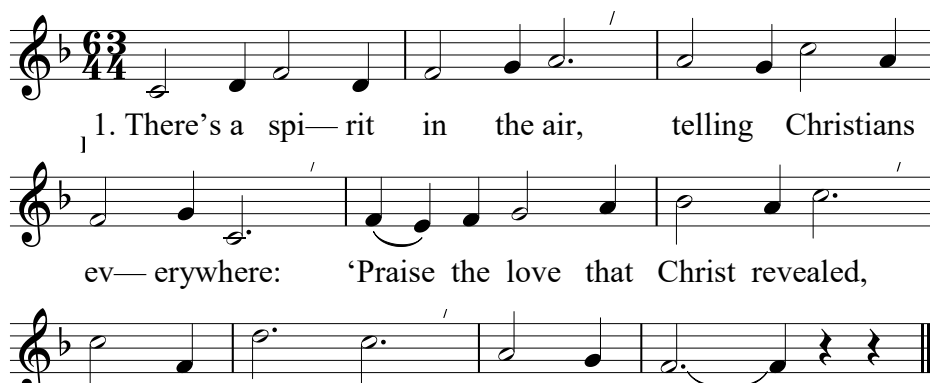
Presider Most loving God,

All **you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The Notices

Hymn TIS 414 vv 1-4 & 7



1. There's a spi—rit in the air, telling Christians
ev—erywhere: 'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
li—ving, wor—king in our world.'

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.
3. When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today.

7. There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.'

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–

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Blessing and dismissal

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Organ voluntary *I saw three ships come sailing in*
Arranged by Richard Proulx

Parish Prayer List

Wendy, Marcus, Yeshi, Tim, Marie, Holly, Rosemary, Helen,
Richard, Louisa, Ian, Dianne, Margaret, Rhonda, Nicole

We pray for the departed and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and especially:

Francis George Williams	12 December 2009
David Ronald Sloan	12 December 2013
Isabella Mary Short (<i>Requiem</i>)	13 December 2010
Gwenyth Ruby Roddick	14 December 1997
Noelleen Ward	16 December 2018

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Readings for Sunday 19 December 2021

Micah 5: 2-5a

Song of Mary

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Notices

New Parish Office hours

Lisa Osborn will be working in the Parish Office until we appoint a new Parish Secretary.

Her hours next week are Monday and Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

Thereafter on Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 5.00pm.

Help wanted!

We are calling for volunteers to help put together Christingle packs for the family service on Christmas Eve. We are meeting on Thursday 23rd December to assemble the packs. Please contact Sophie if you would like to help.





**Please join us for
Christmas!**

Christmas Eve

5pm Family service
10.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion
 with carols

Face to face services for
the fully vaccinated

Every service streamed
online for all to join

Boxing Day

9.30am Morning prayer
 online only

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Image:
Mary feeding the Christ
by Daniel Bonnell

The Week Ahead

Third Sunday of Advent

Sun 12 Dec 9:30am Sung Eucharist
 4:30pm Sunday Suppers

Mon 13 Dec 7:30pm Parish Council meeting

Fri 17 Dec *Sophie's day off*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun 19 Dec 9:30am Sung Eucharist
 4:30pm Sunday Suppers Christmas dinner

Rosters	12 December 2021	19 December 2021
Welcomers	Judy D	Lee
Reader	Jo D	Isabel
Servers	Brian, Geoff, Catherine	Marcia, Geoff, Catherine
Covid Officer	Marcia, Glenn	Brian, Glenn
Emerald Hill pick up	Jo D, Glenn	Marcia
Flowers	Sharon	Sharon
After church cleaning	Marcia, Terri	Karen, Stuart
Side person	Sharon	Brian
Intercessions	Sharon/ Catherine	Brian
Sunday Suppers	Rohan, John B & Josh	Declan, Liz, Jam, John O, Jett, Vero, Autumn, Kat, Shell, Dat, Darren, Sandra & Magdalena

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