



Advent 3 Gaudete Sunday

15 December 2024

8am & 10am

Missa Emmanuel - Richard Proulx Setting

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.*

Prelude

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called 'Gaudete Sunday' (lit. 'rejoice Sunday'). We light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath and we wear rose vestments as a sign of the coming joy. This joy runs through our readings. Our focus continues on those who prepare the way for the coming of Christ: today is John the Baptist. After the service we will also be interring the ashes of Ann Brady in the memorial garden and Fr Jim is joining us for the service.

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 269

Git. Capo 2 B(A) G#m(F#m) E(D) B(A) /

E(D) C#m(Bm) F#(E) / B(A) G#m(F#m)

C#(B) F#(E) / E(D) F#7(E7) B(A)

1. Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
2. On him the Spirit largely poured exerts its sacred fire; wisdom and might and zeal and love his holy breast inspire.
3. He comes the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
4. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
5. His silver trumpets publish loud the jubilee of the Lord, our debts are all remitted now, our heritage restored.
6. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's exalted arches ring with your beloved name.

Philip Doddridge 1702–51
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
 God of John the Baptist:
 to you be praise and glory for ever.
**Help us to bear witness to you
 in all our thoughts, words and actions
 so that we may be ready to greet Christ at his coming
 and herald the light of his presence
 in our darkened world.
 Blessed be God forever.**

Remain standing for the Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In that light we confess our sins:

Heavenly Father,
 you have created a universe of light:
 forgive us when we return to darkness.



Lord Jesus,
 you are the light of the world:
 cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Holy Spirit,
 you give us light in our hearts:
 renew us in faith and love.



The celebrant pronounces the absolution.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you:
Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end
And your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please be seated

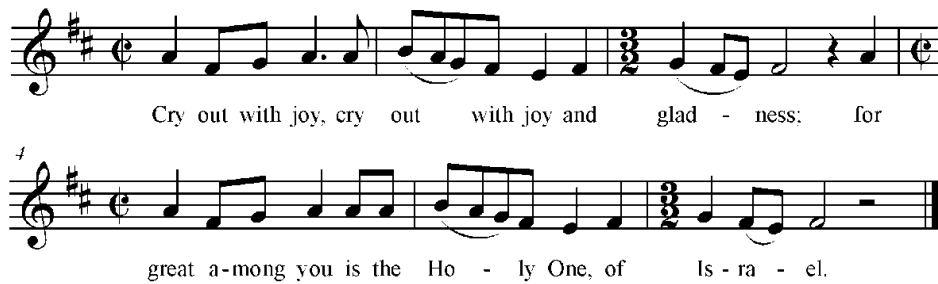
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah:

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.' I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

(Zephaniah 3:14-20)

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: A SONG OF ISAIAH by R HEAGNEY



Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear,
for the Lord is my strength, my song.

God became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells,
from the wells of salvation. *Response*

Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to God's name,
make the mighty deeds known to all peoples,
declare the greatness of God's name. *Response*

Sing a psalm to the Lord who did glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth.

People of Zion sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One,
the Holy One of Israel. *Response*

A Song of Isaiah , 12: R. Heagney

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

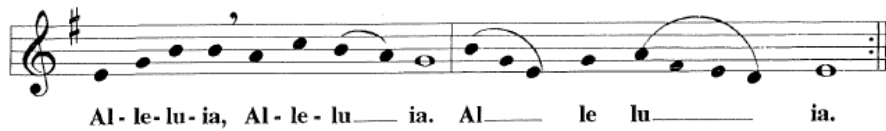
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:4-7)

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Please stand



Alleluia, **Alleluia**

The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and 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. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What, then, should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ 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.’ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 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.’ So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

(Luke 3:7-18)

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated

NICENE CREED

Please stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit or kneel

After each section:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 787

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT
 irregular

787

Bernadette Farrell 1957-

(♩=122-132) *Verses*

Em Am7 Bm Em /

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.

Em Am7 Bm Em /

Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.

Em Am D G /

Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple,

C Am D D7 /

light for the world to see.

Refrain G C G / Em Bm

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Em Am D / G C

Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our

G / Em Am D

light! Shine in your church gath-ered to -

G C 1.2.3.4. 5. G

day.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. *Response*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. *Response*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone. *Response*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come. *Response*

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

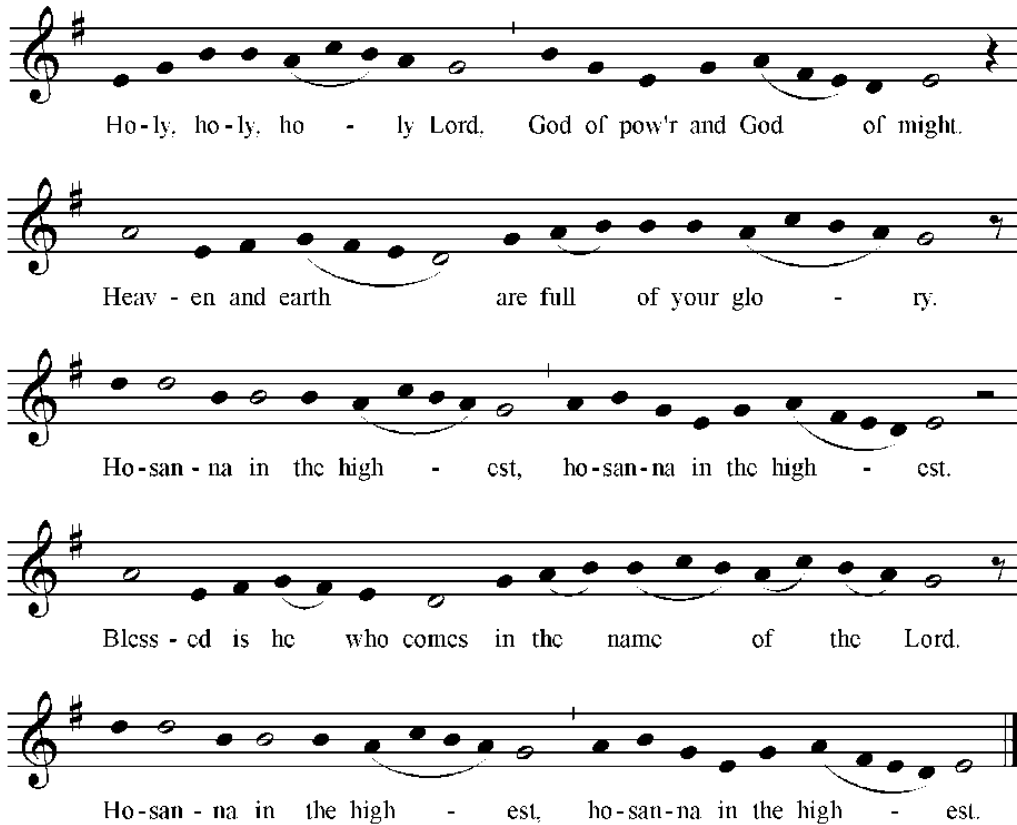
Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical score consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you.' The second staff is also divided into 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is divided into 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

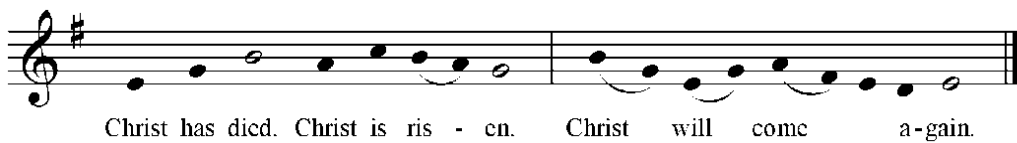
All glory and honour ...

... for every praising you and singing:



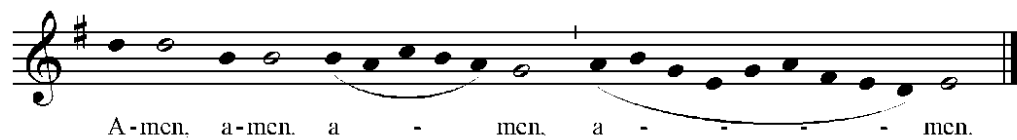
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Merciful God, we thank you ...
 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
 ... in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are your for ever and ever.



A-men, a-men. a - men. a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
 Give us this day 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.**

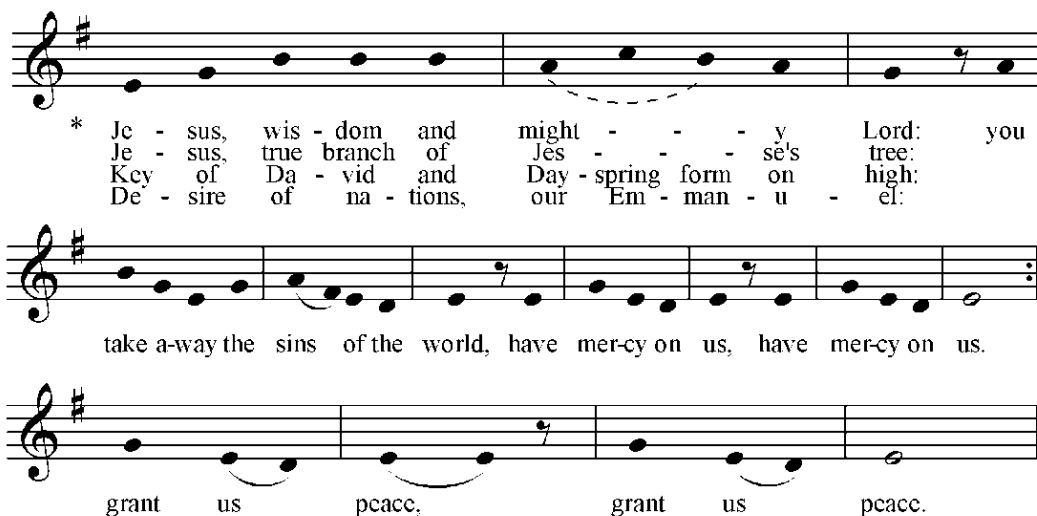
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

AGNUS DEI



* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high;
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION

Anthem: *'Song of Isaiah'* by Richard Proulx.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

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

FINAL HYMN TIS 274



1. The people that in darkness
walked
have seen a glorious light;
the light has shined on them
who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.
2. To hail you, Sun of
righteousness,
the gathering nations come:
rejoicing as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.
3. To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth
obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince
of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the
Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.
5. His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above
and peace abound below.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Please feel free to leave at any time

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Fr Shane, Barbara, Martin, Dawn, Joel McNae & family, Daisy, Suzanne, Elsdon, Michael, Joe, Fr Jim & family, Peter, Wheeler family, Graham and John & family.

And for those recently deceased, please pray for Elaine Wheeler and Jill Boothby.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Andrew Scragg, Geoffrey Sambell (Bishop, former Vicar) and Alison Reimann-Basch. Pray also for Ann Brady whose ashes will be interred today in the Memorial Garden following the service.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au

****NEW TIME & ZOOM DETAILS****: Morning Prayer held on Mond/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <https://bit.ly/49910N4>
Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706

Weekday Eucharist will ****RESUME ON THURS 2 FEB 2025**** at 12pm (no Eucharist for the rest of Dec 2024 and throughout Jan 2025).

Prayer for a New Incumbent:

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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St Mary's Parish Notices

- Advent Calendar Year C begins on Sun 1 Dec. For other 2024 Advent & Christmas Services:
 - Sun 22 Dec, 2pm: Children's Christmas Service
 - Tues 24 Dec, 11pm: Carols by the Crib & 11.30pm: Midnight Mass
 - Wed 25 Dec, 9am: Sung Eucharist
- Head to <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/> for upcoming concerts including 'Christmas Concert' on tonight Sun 15 Dec, 5pm (tickets \$50/\$45/\$40 from www.trybooking.com/CQYBA) and Free Advent Organ Recital Series on Mon 2/9/16/23 Dec, 12.30pm.
- Christmas at Anglicare: Please donate Christmas gifts/food items to Mission House in Fitzroy. They need not be wrapped and will be made up into hampers, so they request that you donate early.
- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Hotham Mission Christmas Appeal: for donation visit <https://www.givenow.com.au/ucahothammission> and for volunteering email programs@hothammission.org.au or contact (03) 9326 8245.
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St Mary's Roster

| | Sunday 15 Dec 2024 Advent 3 | Sunday 22 Dec 2024 Advent 4 |
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| 8:00am Reader | Rhondda Fahey | Andrew McKinley |
| 10:00am Readers | Ivana Csar Michael Golding | Andrew Gador-Whyte Libby Brookes |
| Serving Team | Sam Miller (C) Peter O'Donoghue | Alice Christofi (C) Anne Sunderland (C) |
| Welcome | Helen McCallum (C) | Adam Wing |
| Introduction & Intercession | Geoff Jenkins | Robert Gribben |
| Video/AV | Adam Wing | Geoff Jenkins |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | Rosie Moloney/ Harriet Jenkins | 2pm Christmas Service |
| Morning Tea | Michael Noble Margaret Noble | Lewis Gurr-Stephen Katie Holmes |

| | Sunday 24 Dec 2024 11pm Carols by the Crib & Midnight Mass | Sunday 25 Dec 2024 9am Sung Eucharist |
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| 8:00am Reader | N/A | N/A |
| 10:00am Readers | Libby Brookes Susan Gribben (C) | John Blanch Helen McCallum |
| Serving Team | Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue | Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue |
| Welcome | Adam Wing | Michael Golding |
| Introduction & Intercession | Clergy | Clergy |
| Video/AV | Geoff Jenkins | Adam Wing |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | N/A | N/A |
| Morning Tea | Hospitality Committee Mince Pies & Bubbly | N/A |

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