



**Advent Sunday 2**

**8 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

Our second Advent candle which we light today represents the prophets of the Old Testament who prepared for the coming of Christ. In the words of the Benedictus, the Song of Zechariah, which we will sing today, 'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' Let us worship God.

# THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 270

*Gtr. Capo 3* B♭(G) Eb(C) F(D) B♭(G) Eb(C) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)  
  
B♭(G) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) F(D) Eb(C) B♭(G) F7(D7) B♭(G)  


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.
5. To him who left the throne of heaven  
to free us all, let praise be given;  
and praise be to the Father done,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

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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 the prophets of old,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Foretold by your people Israel.

**Help us in preparing to celebrate his coming  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
through Jesus Christ,  
the promised light who is coming into the world.  
Blessed be God for ever.**

*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

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through 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.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Please be seated*

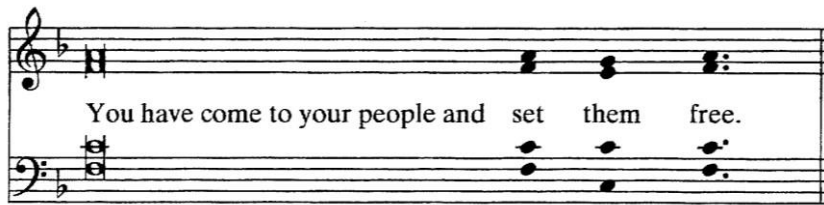
#### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi:**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

(Malachi 3:1-4)

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

## CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (BENEDICTUS), THE PSALTER #158



1. Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel:  
you have come to your people and set them free.
2. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
born of the house of your servant David. *Response*
3. Through your holy prophets, you promised of old:  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,
4. To show mercy to our forebears:  
and to remember your holy covenant. *Response*
5. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship you without fear:  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Response*
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the most high:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
8. To give God's people knowledge of salvation:  
by the forgiveness of their sins. *Response*
9. In the tender compassion of our God:  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Response*

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## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(Philippians 1:1-11)

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand*



## Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God

## **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**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’

(Luke 3:1-6)

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.**

**THE 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.**

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 793**

The musical notation is for the offertory hymn 'Tis 793'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music. The chords indicated above the notes are: D, A, D, G, A7, D, Bm, D, Em, A, D, G, A7, D, A7, D, F#m, G, D, A7, D, F#m, Bm, G, A7, D, Bm, Em, A, D, G, A7, D.

1. Darkness lay upon the waters  
and the starless heavens swirled,  
as the formless earth awaited  
the creating of a world.



Over all the Spirit brooded,  
like a patient mother bird,  
for the leaping of the morning  
at the speaking of a word.

2. In another age of darkness  
children stumbled, blind from birth,  
as the Word of God, incarnate,  
moved again upon the earth,  
with the re-creating promise  
that the sightless would be healed,  
and perceive the new creation  
that the light of God revealed.
3. Every soul will sit with darkness,  
every eye will long for light,  
every heart will lose direction  
in the swirling, starless night.  
Still the one who speaks the morning  
moves beside us on the way;  
knowing this we know that darkness  
always holds the hope of day.







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## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

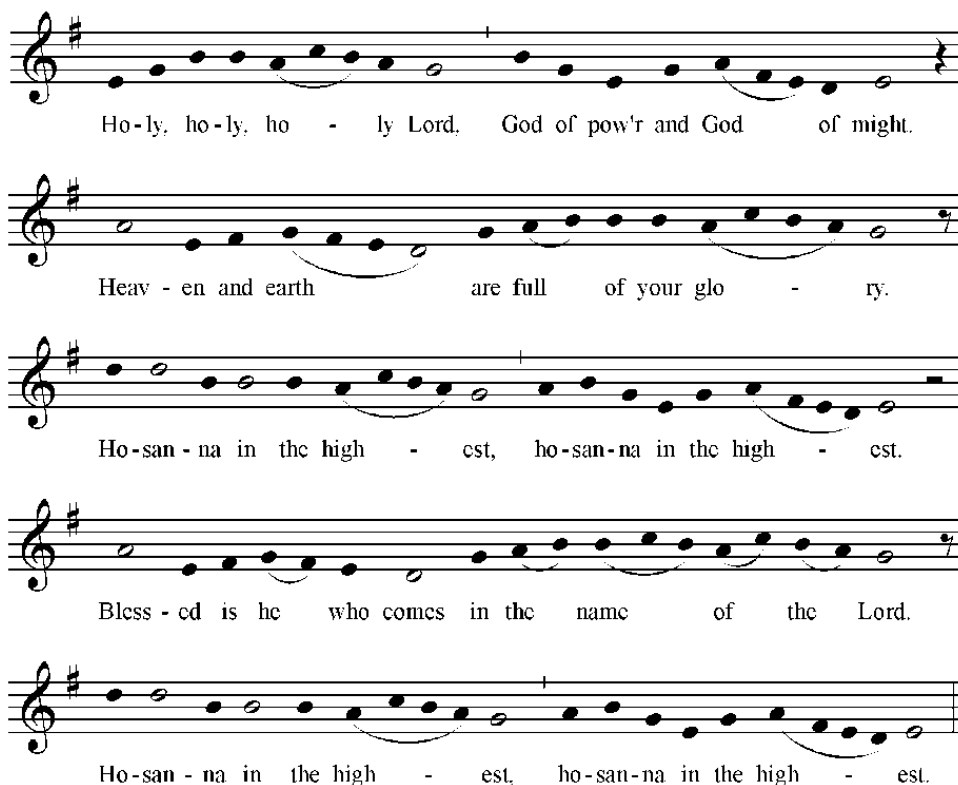
### **Blessèd be God for ever.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**Sursum Corda**

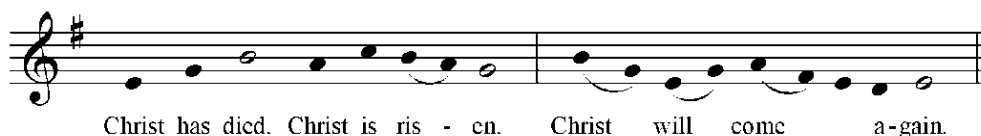
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The Lord be with you.	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Jē - - - sē'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:** *'Advent Carol'* by Alfred V Fedak, based on Orientus Partibus.

## 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 279

*Em Refrain*

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces,

o - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces.

*Verses*

- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry, how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Ga - li - lee, in ci - ty or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sa - viour and bro - ther;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ri - sen,

- 1 He is Im - ma - nu - el, the pro - mised of a - ges.
- 2 he goes a - mong his peo - ple cu - ring their ill - ness.
- 3 in all of Ga - li - lee was ne - ver a - no - ther.
- 4 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
- 5 and he will share with us his hea - ven - ly vi - sion.

*Final refrain*

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces; o - pen the

gates be - fore him, lift up your voi - ces. The King of

glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joi - ces.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude: 'Naiades' by Louis Vierne

(All organ music today are in recognition of the reopening of the Cathedral Notre Dame Paris)

*Please feel free to leave at any time*

## PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Fr Shane, Barbara, Martin, Janet, Dawn, Joel McNae & family, Daisy, Suzanne, Elsdon, Michael and Joe. For those recently baptised, please pray for Kate and Adam, the parents of Daisy, whose wedding is coming up soon.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Anna Harrison, Janet Horn, Marjorie Kenny and Darren Rooke.

If there is a name to be included, please email [office@stmarys.org.au](mailto:office@stmarys.org.au)

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

Weekday Eucharist every Thurs 12pm in December, but not in January.

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
- Please contact Beverley if you are interested in singing with the Choir at the Carols prior to Midnight Mass or Christmas morning.
- Thank you for your AVE submissions, the 2024 Advent Christmas edition will be published next week.
- VOX Ballarat back at St Mary's: tonight! Sun 8 Dec, 3pm for 'Part I: The Christ Child' (Handel's Messiah). Tickets \$40/\$35/\$15/free for primary age children, please book via [www.trybooking.com/CVFRM](http://www.trybooking.com/CVFRM)
- Head to <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/> for upcoming concerts including 'Christmas Concert' on Sun 15 Dec, 5pm (tickets \$50/\$45/\$40 from [www.trybooking.com/CQYBA](http://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'.
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<i>St Mary's Roster</i>		
	Sunday 8 Dec 2024 Advent 2	Sunday 15 Dec 2024 Advent 3
8:00am Reader	Judie Bainbridge	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am Readers	Calvin Lee Marion Poynter	Ivana Csar Michael Golding
Serving Team	Alice Christofi (C) Lewis Gurr-Stephen	Sam Miller (C) Peter O'Donoghue
Welcome	Anne Sunderland (C)	Helen McCallum (C)
Introduction & Intercession	Audrey Statham	Geoff Jenkins
Video/AV	Sam Miller	Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney/ Harriet Jenkins	Rosie Moloney/ Harriet Jenkins
Morning Tea	Helen McCallum (C) David Keuneman	Michael Noble Margaret Noble

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