



First Sunday of Advent

1 December 2024

Setting: Kyrie eleison – Ukrainian Orthodox (TiS 736)
Christ Church Mass – Philip Mathias (1954-) (TiS 757) Sanctus,
Benedictus, acclamations, Agnus Dei

Gathering in God's name Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")
Christ Church Mass – Philip Mathias (1954 -)

Introit *Veni, veni Emmanuel* – Plainsong melody

Entrance Hymn 271 TIS The Advent of our God



The Advent Wreath: First Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is hope.

Advent 1 [26 (A&M 2013)] Cantors

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray;
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
Changed for gladness on that Day.

The candle is lit.

ANGEL VOICES
Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)



Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

Invitation to Confession

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The Collect of the day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him;
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm (Chant – Adapted from “Veni Emmanuel”)

25.1-10

*1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.*
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.*
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.*
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.*
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.*
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.*
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.*
- 9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.*
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.*

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 21.25-38

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Stand up and raise your heads;
because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn 441 TIS Behold the mountain of the Lord

The Great Thanksgiving Thanksgiving 1 on page 128, preface 147

The Lord’s Prayer Page 141

Communion Anthem *King of glory, King of peace*
– Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arr W. Harris

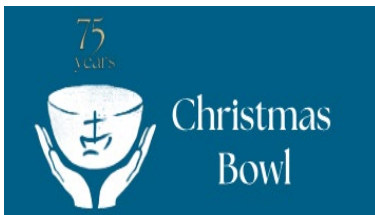
Mission Hymn

273 TIS *Lo! He comes with clouds descending*

Organ Postlude

Veni Emmanuel – Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

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Your impact: Preventing displacement in Indonesia

Eko lives in North Pakuli, Indonesia, with his wife and three-year-old daughter. Eko's family have endured many disasters over the years. Frequent flash flooding has had a serious impact on their income, as their home has been damaged and their seeds and fertiliser were frequently washed away by the rain.



Rice farmer Eko is building a more sustainable future for his family after frequent flash flooding and the challenges of climate change threatened his family's livelihood.

Indonesia is one of the most disaster-prone countries on Earth. It lies on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, landslides, drought and forest fires frequently occur.

By working with Church World Service Indonesia, Act for Peace has helped to develop the DREAM program (Disaster Resilience through Enhanced Adaptive Measures) in Central Sulawesi, which aims to strengthen community resilience to the impacts of climate change and to prepare for when disasters strike.

Eko has been an inspirational participant, enthusiastically trialling new, sustainable approaches to farming and the use of organic fertilisers. He now plans to expand these new techniques to more of his land and has been encouraging other farmers in his community to do the same.

Your support can help farming families, like Eko's in Indonesia, to adapt to the changing climate, reducing the risks of being displaced from their homes.

"I want to learn how to adapt to the climate. The harvest back in my parents' era could be extraordinary. In my era of climate change, the texture of the soil gets denser and our income decreases.

So how can we farmers get the same results as our parents used to do, but in a different way? By not using excessive chemical fertilisers. Thankfully we gain knowledge from this program." – Eko

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Prayers for those in need

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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Elaine Stephenson

Year's Mind: Gordon Child, Gary Dow, Ken Kingsley, Alma Matthes, Eric Graham, Thomas Bolton & Corey Chapman.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p style="color: red;">Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship Taize at 8.30am Eucharist at 10.00 am Followed by Bible Study Group</p> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</p>
Birthdays this coming week	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy birthday to Lyn Johnston, William McCarthy-Copson & Moe Jones</p>

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.



Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sun 15 Dec 6pm
Nine Lessons & Carols
with the Cathedral Choir

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

Thurs 19 Dec 4pm
Rehearsal for Children & Teenagers who
would like to act, read, sing or dance in the
Christmas Eve Service. All welcome. No need
to RSVP - just turn up



CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's Christmas Service
11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service

TAIZE MEDITATION

Wednesday 4 Dec 8.30am
Advent Stillness Taize Meditation

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Fri 20 Dec 11am
Anglicare Community Event
sausage sizzle, facepainting, kids craft, games
& Santa visit

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas
Morning Eucharist



Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant