

S^T. JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

10am Pew Sheet

For the week beginning
Sunday 19 December 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



REFLECTION

This Sunday we focus on Mary the mother of Jesus. She was a person of humble means who described herself as ‘a handmaid of the Lord’, being concerned to fulfil the will of God. We too are called to fulfil God’s will. Let us therefore make Christmas a time for renewal rather than of self indulgence.

Teach us to sing your praise, O God.

Teach us to sing with notes formed by hopes and acts of justice.

Teach us to sing with harmonies shaped by mercy’s wide embrace.

*Teach us to sing Mary’s song of birth and rebirth
for all creation in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

As Sydney’s oldest church, St James’ is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Today's Service Information

Preacher

The Rev'd Andrew Sempell

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Reader & Intercessor: Keith Carpenter

10:00am Choral Eucharist with Kids@Church

Reader & Intercessor: Leon Fitzgerald

Choir: The Choir of St James'

Guest Conductor: Michael Leighton Jones

Organists: Alistair Nelson & Callum Knox

Prelude: Near – *Variations on Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*

Mass Setting: Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Motet: Leighton Jones – *Ave Maria*

Postlude: Karg-Elert – *Ave Maria*

7:30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

View online at 10:00am and 7:30pm

**sjks.org.au/online-services or
facebook.com/stjameskingstreet**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL RECEPTION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

St James' & COVID-19

Attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to all worshippers.

The following COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations apply:

- People must register using the QR code or written register at the entrance;
- Masks are no longer required, but are strongly recommended;
- Congregational singing is permitted without masks (but it is recommended that the congregation use masks when singing);
- Keep appropriate physical distancing where possible;
- The use of hand sanitiser is encouraged; and,
- People must not attend worship if feeling unwell.

Services and Events

Please refer to the back page for the schedule of services and events.

COVID-19 and Parish Information

The Rector's Pastoral Letters, which include details about service arrangements, can be viewed at

www.sjks.org.au/messages-re-covid-19/



The Season of Advent

Advent is the four-week period of preparation for Christmas. At one time, Christians observed Advent with fasting but this practice is no longer formally required. Nonetheless, Advent has a more solemn character with this marked by the use of the colour purple and by the omission of the Gloria at the Eucharist. You will also notice that there are some different prayers used in the services. During Advent we focus not only on the coming of the Christ child at Bethlehem but also on the Second Coming of Christ as Judge at the Last Day. In this way, Advent invites us to give thanks for what God has accomplished, and to ponder the fulfilment of God's promises in the future.

Order of Service

Prelude

Gerald Near (b.1942) – *Variations on Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*

Fourth Sunday of Advent Liturgy

Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter.

The choir sings the Advent Prose,

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Words: The Advent Prose, RORATE CAELI, from the *Officia Propria*; Paris (1673),
translator unknown

Music: Plainsong, mode i [NEH 501]

Processional Hymn

Please stand as the servers, choir, and sacred ministers enter. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.

Refrain

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The fourth candle will be lit. It is called the Angels' Candle to remember the heralds of Christ's birth.

Celebrant Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the Angels' Candle. This candle is offered in honour of the angels who told the good news to the shepherds: 'Glory be to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill toward those of goodwill.' The angels sang with joy so that all who could hear were filled with joy. In honour of all the angels who continue to proclaim the good news of joy, we light this candle.

The fourth candle is lit.

Lord Jesus,
the angel Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary.
All Lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.

Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law.

Refrain

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.

Refrain

O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode.

Refrain

O Come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations! show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall. Refrain

Words: 18th century, tr. T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others

Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);
CCL licence 552064

Welcome and Invocation

The celebrant welcomes the people, then says,

Celebrant ✕ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

through
Amen

Kyrie

William Byrd (c.1540-1623) – *Mass for Four Voices*

The choir sings the Kyrie and the Altar is censed

GREEK TEXT	PRAYER BOOK TEXT
<i>Κύριε ἐλέησον</i>	Lord, have mercy
<i>Χριστέ ἐλέησον</i>	Christ, have mercy
<i>Κύριε ἐλέησον</i>	Lord, have mercy

Confession

The deacon says,

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

A time of silence is kept.

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

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.

The celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness.

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
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.

Kids@Church

Celebrant And now I invite all children who are going to Kids@Church, with their parents if they wish, to come forward.

The children, parents and Kids@Church leaders come forward. The celebrant prays,

Children of God, we acknowledge you and now we send you forth to Kids@Church.
May the Scriptures light your way, may God's love fill your hearts with love, and may your lives be marked by hope and joy.

Children: We go on our way in the strength of Christ. Amen.

The children walk in procession to the west porch and the congregation sings the following hymn. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Father welcomes all his children
to his family through the Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.

In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptised and believe
shall be born again.

Father welcomes all his children
to his family through the Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.

Please sit.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

5: 2 – 5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Song of Mary

The choir sings the canticle to plainsong tone II.ii solemn.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.*

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

10: 5 - 10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God” (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’ When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: CROSS OF JESUS John Stainer (1840-1901); CCL licence 552064

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cantor I am the servant of the Lord:
 may his will for me be done. Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1: 39 - 45

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Deacon A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

All 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.

Intercessions

Deacon Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The following response may be used,

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers the deacon says,

Deacon 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.

Greeting of Peace

The celebrant says,

- We are the body of Christ.
All His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, or at the tap machine in the church. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall,
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to man displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honour all unstained,
the banners there of virtue glow,
God in his temple dwells below.

O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

Words: St Ambrose (340-397), tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) and others

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), harmony by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934) [NEH 19ii]; CCL licence 552064

The celebrant prays over the bread and wine,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever!**

Sursum Corda and Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant All glory and honour, be yours now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again
in power and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,
and in confidence stand before him
who redeems us from sin and death and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Sung by the choir.

LATIN TEXT

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*
**℣ Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.**

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

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**

Celebrant Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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

Celebrant Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

**℣ Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:**

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

A bell is rung, and silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread and says,

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

All So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Deacon Jesus is the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

Byrd – *Mass for Four Voices*

Sung by the choir. Please sit.

LATIN TEXT

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

PRAYER BOOK TEXT

Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion

Communion will be distributed in both kinds from the chancel steps. It is permissible to receive communion in one kind if you prefer. The choir sings the motet,

*Ave Maria, gratia plena:
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace:
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Antiphon to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Music: Michael Leighton Jones (b.1947)

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand. The celebrant prays the post-communion prayer.

Celebrant God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son, keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him on the day of his coming.

All Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.
Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Please stand. It is recommended that the congregation wear masks when singing.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) based on St Luke 1: 46-55

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
✠ and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

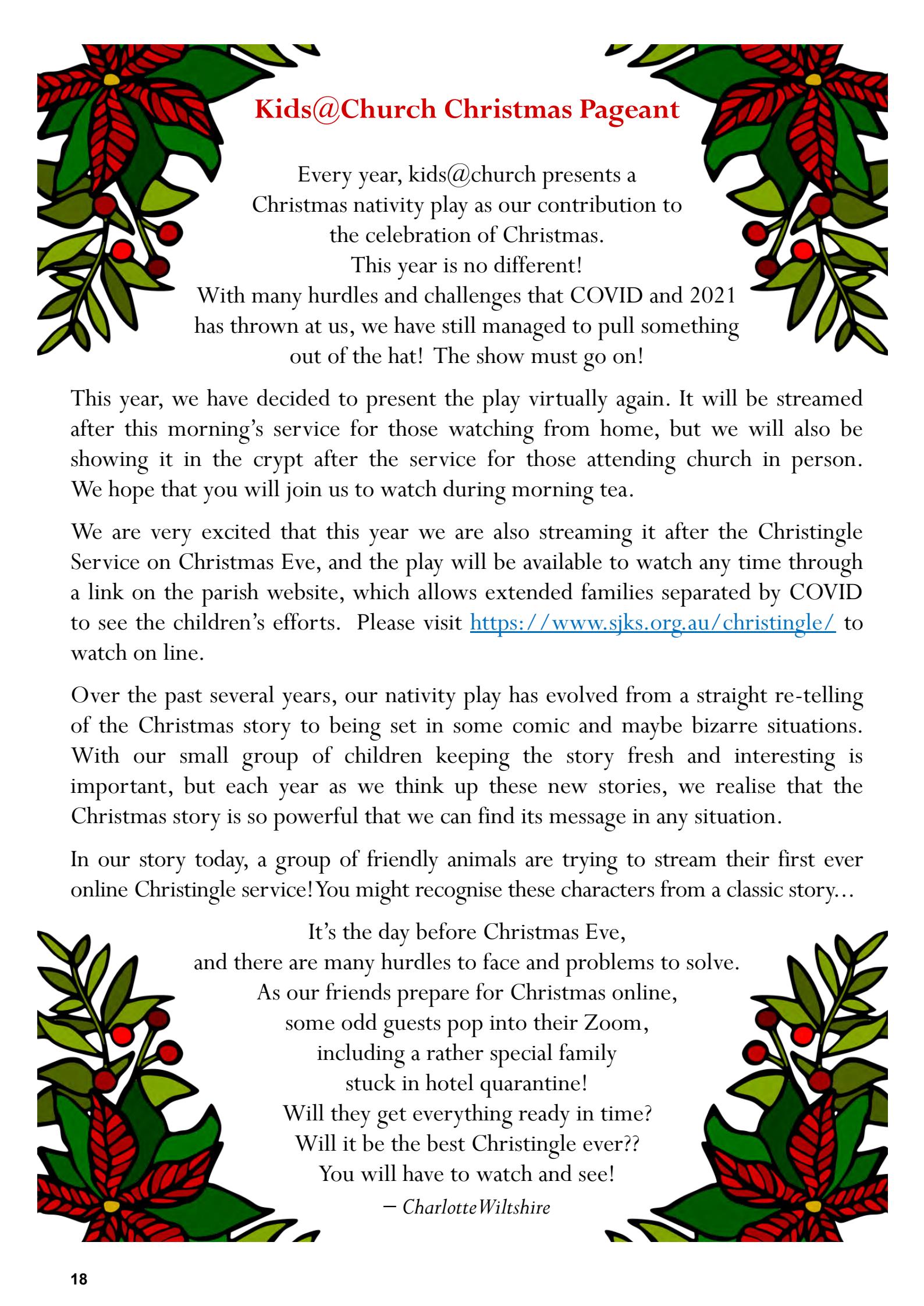
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Sigrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933) – ‘Ave Maria’ from *Cathedral windows, Op. 106*.

Children’s Christmas Pageant

Please refer to the information about the pageant on the next page. For those watching online, go to www.sjks.org.au/christingle/ to view the pageant following this service.



Kids@Church Christmas Pageant

Every year, kids@church presents a Christmas nativity play as our contribution to the celebration of Christmas.

This year is no different!

With many hurdles and challenges that COVID and 2021 has thrown at us, we have still managed to pull something out of the hat! The show must go on!

This year, we have decided to present the play virtually again. It will be streamed after this morning's service for those watching from home, but we will also be showing it in the crypt after the service for those attending church in person. We hope that you will join us to watch during morning tea.

We are very excited that this year we are also streaming it after the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, and the play will be available to watch any time through a link on the parish website, which allows extended families separated by COVID to see the children's efforts. Please visit <https://www.sjks.org.au/christingle/> to watch on line.

Over the past several years, our nativity play has evolved from a straight re-telling of the Christmas story to being set in some comic and maybe bizarre situations. With our small group of children keeping the story fresh and interesting is important, but each year as we think up these new stories, we realise that the Christmas story is so powerful that we can find its message in any situation.

In our story today, a group of friendly animals are trying to stream their first ever online Christingle service! You might recognise these characters from a classic story...

It's the day before Christmas Eve,
and there are many hurdles to face and problems to solve.

As our friends prepare for Christmas online,
some odd guests pop into their Zoom,
including a rather special family
stuck in hotel quarantine!

Will they get everything ready in time?
Will it be the best Christingle ever??
You will have to watch and see!

— Charlotte Wiltshire

Please pray for:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Baptism anniversaries: Hugo William Laurence, Edward Ernest Sullivan Bettinson, Sybella Dianne Marlo Bettinson.

The sick – Immediate: Liz Barton, Ruth Jones, Ann Ryan, Elliott, John Gillam, Amy Horsburgh, Monsignor James Cronin, Peter Johnstone, Frances Rolfe, Grahame Cooksley, Laessia Lysanenko, Julia Martin, Fr Lance Johnston, Oliver Johns, David Cheetham, Sr Jeanette Fox, Baddley Anita, Peter Renwick, Joyce Smith, Bp Andrew St John, Olivia Peck, John Maguire, Barbara Joan Rothery, Graham Smith, David.

The sick – Long-term: Colin Middleton, Steven Bell, Candace & Cameron Waters, Paula Behm, Elizabeth Farry, Mthr Elaine Farmer, Warren Trevelyan-Jones, Joan Hillier, Joan Elliston, Kathryn James, Anahera Chessum, Kellie Wilson, Jillian Morrison, Fay Skuthorpe, The Rev'd Paul Cooper, Bronwyn Thorp, Julie Sheppard, Bernice Lee, Nick De Brett, Geoff Bright, Claire Willmott, Stephanie Daley, Sigrid Delaney, Jivan Harito, James Ridley, Richard Gillard, Euan Black, Pam Robinson, Herb Anderson, Nellie Smith, Paul, Ann Bratt, Gillian Virginie, Cherie Shepherd, Helen Lord, Megan Nelson, Ray Sharp, Marian Pilone, Helen Ashley, Mary Shuttleworth, Fiona Hawke, Barry Shepherd, Billie Brace, Sebastiana Ilardo, Bec, Bp Arthur Malcolm, Fr John Bunyan, Fred Orr.

In need: Nadira Al Araij, Christine, Kate & Julia Collis, Nicholas Lee, Karla & James.

Thanksgiving for on-going recovery: Maddy Ritchie.

The recently departed: Ada Wong Yung Chan, Judith (Judy) Lambeth, Berenice-Eve 'Bibi' Calf, Harry Dillon, Elsie Wood, Christian Kerr, Patricia McBride, Andrew Sinclair, Marilyn Sneddon.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: Valerie Joy, Geoffrey Tremayn Sambell *bishop*, Margaret Newby, Gifford Henry Eardley, Edith Hanneman, Edith Robson, Lorna Joyce Martin, Rebekah Anne Lawrence, Douglas William Bruce, Geoffrey Noel Raymond Beeche, Alfred James (Jim) Milson, Jessie Wilhelmina Stark, David Richard Withers, Thomas William Wright, Beth Spence *priest*, Hillary Robinson, Alfred Lewis Beresford, Ina Elizabeth Forsyth, Frank Harris Cooksley, Michael Gordon Wilson, Joan Goff, Jamesina Williamson, Tony Davis, Emily Rose Heenagh-O'Brien, Richard Spencer Butler Gye.

Please note that names of the sick will remain on the 'Immediate' list for one month only. If there is a need for a name to remain longer, please ask for it to be placed on the 'Long Term' list. All requests should be made to Dianne Ward or Jonathan Elcock, the Office Administrators, at office@sjks.org.au or 8227 1300.



This morning's conductor

This morning we welcome Michael Leighton Jones as our guest conductor. Michael was Director of Music at Trinity College, University of Melbourne (1997-2014) and is a friend of St James', having sung with the choir both and as a soloist at the Orchestral Masses, and appearing as guest conductor in the past. This morning's motet by Michael, *Ave Maria*, is a world premiere.

Act for Peace Christmas Bowl

Since 1949 churches have banded together to raise money during Advent to assist refugees and others in need throughout the world. The Christmas Bowl appeal of Act for Peace continues this tradition. Here at St James', there is the opportunity for you to be a part of this effort to save lives and to help provide for the needs of the estimated 84 million people who are dispossessed of their homes and desperate for food, clothing and a safe place to stay.

Your gifts to Christmas Bowl are wonderful, but if you would also like to be part of the team who hand out envelopes and encourage participation, please let Howard Graham (8:00am service) know at howardtricia@optusnet.com.au or 0422 917 791. Please help make a difference!

Friends of Music Membership for 2022

Enjoy the benefits of being a member of Friends of Music at St James'! 2022 Membership Forms are now available in the Baptistry or sign up online at <https://friendsofmusicsydney.com.au/>

Who is My Neighbour?

St James' continues to support the Asylum Seekers Centre at this time of COVID-19. The Centre supplies people with food vouchers, helping with housing, medical appointments and in many other

ways. Many of the asylum seekers have lost their casual jobs and so are struggling financially. If you would like to contribute please go to the Asylum Seekers Centre website at <https://asylumseekerscentre.org.au/> You can send food vouchers or donations.

Myanmar Emergency Appeal

COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in Myanmar. The Anglican Board of Mission's (ABM) partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), has been responding in innovative and practical ways. The first \$10,000 sent by ABM was spent on oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators, as well as COVID-19 testing kits and cleaning materials. A second tranche of funds has just been sent. This will be used to address the ongoing pandemic through: social media and a 24-hour hotline providing information about COVID-19 and how to treat it; tele-health consultations with church volunteer doctors and health professionals; and home care and other assistance by volunteers as directed by the doctors. The CPM COVID Response Team hopes to reach over 5000 people. For more information and to make a donation, please go to www.abmission.org/Myanmar.

Double Your Impact!

A generous ABM donor has increased the offer by \$5,000 to match \$ for \$ for the first \$15,000 of donations received!

Donations to this appeal are tax deductible

—Anthony Naake

Flower Arrangers Needed

We are in need of more flower arrangers to join the flower arranging team for 2022. If you would like to be part of this important and creative ministry, please contact Pippa on 0432 792 362.

St James' Foundation Distributions

We are grateful to the St James' Foundation for the following distributions received recently:

The St James' Music Foundation:	\$66,043
The St James' Building Foundation:	\$40,000
Total St James' Foundation Limited:	\$106,043

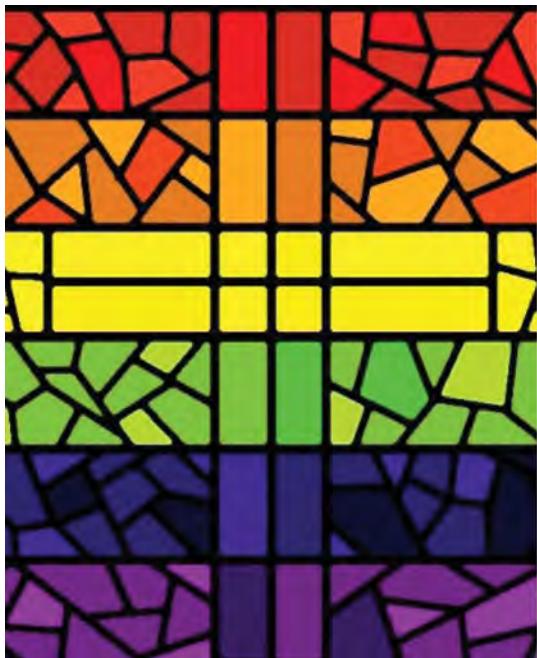
New Book in the Shop

During COVID-19 lockdown, Don Cameron - former Bishop of North Sydney - took the time to share some Scriptural insights with the residents of

Rohini Village in Turramurra. Looking at the "I am..." statements of Jesus and exploring some of his parables, Don was able to offer his listeners the opportunity to reflect on the person of Christ and what it means to be a Christian.

Collected here, Don's short discourses are now available for those of us who have been - or may still be - stuck in a lockdown of our own.

Rohini Reflections is \$10 and is available for purchase from the Parish Office, or from the [web shop..](#)



Building Proud & Progressive Christian Communities

Webinar: Tuesday 18 January, 10:00am AEDT | \$10

Why are so many progressive churches afraid to take gospel-rooted political stances on important issues? Is their neutrality harmful? We think so.

In this webinar, the leaders of Grace Community Church in Boston will explore the meaning and practice of progressive Christianity. Grace is a diverse community, with black and white, gay and straight, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, Hindus, Muslims, and atheists participating.

Featuring Rev. Abigail Henrich & Dr Jon Paul Sydnor
with responses from leaders of two Australian congregations, Rev. Adrian Sukumar-White and Co-Pastor Steff Fenton

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Advent and Christmas at St James'

Sunday 19 December

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Choral Eucharist
- 7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 22 December

- 6:30pm Candlelight Carol Service

Christmas Eve Friday 24 December

- 6:00pm Christingle
- 10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December

- 8:00am Sung Eucharist of the Nativity
- 10:00am Choral Eucharist of the Nativity

w: sjks.org.au | t: 8227 1300

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas

It's been 10 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. The challenges refugees face no longer make front page news, and now COVID-19 has made life even harder. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner provide support for families, including food rations and hygiene kits, along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



A Prayer for a Broken World

Almighty God, creator, and preserver of our world,
we pray for peace, justice, and compassion for those in need.

Have mercy on our broken and divided world
and banish the spirit that makes for war.

We pray especially for all affected by the escalating turmoil
and tragic events in Afghanistan, the ongoing conflict in Myanmar,
and the many other places where there is conflict and persecution.

Restrain the forces of evil and protect the vulnerable –
especially women and children,
as well as those who seek refuge from oppression and death.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who went to the cross for those in need of salvation. Amen.



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Church Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00am–4:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am–1:00pm
Sundays: 7:00am–4:00pm

What's on this week

Worship

Monday to Friday

8:30am, Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
12:30pm, Holy Eucharist
5:00pm, Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Wednesday

6:30pm, Candlelight Carol Service*

Friday

6:00pm, Christingle*
10:30pm, Night Eucharist of the Nativity*

Saturday

8:00am, Sung Eucharist of the Nativity
10:00am, Choral Eucharist of the Nativity*

Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 1:10–1:50pm (via Zoom)
Wednesday, 7:45am–8:30am (via Zoom)

Lunchtime Concerts

Wednesday 22 December, 1:15pm
Callum Knox (Organ)

Sunday 26 December

First Sunday after Christmas

(White)

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist*

Preacher: *Assoc Prof Michael Horsburgh, AM*

*Livestreamed:

- sjks.org.au/online-services
- facebook.com/stjameskingstreet/

Please consider paying your offering directly into the church account.

The details are: BSB 032 007, A/C 250025, Churchwardens St James' Gen. A/C.

Offering cards are available from the Office if you use direct debit.