

ST JAMES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

Advent Carols with Procession



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St James' Anglican Church
173 King Street, Sydney
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Sunday
27 November 2022
7:30pm

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 of which we worship
—the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.

Those taking part in tonight's service:

*We warmly welcome you to this historic church in the heart of Sydney.
We are pleased you have chosen to worship God with us this Christmas.*

The Rev'd John Stewart (Acting Rector)
Officiant

The Rev'd Glenn Maytum (Assistant Priest)
Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh AM (Parish Lay Reader)
Assistants

The Choir of St James'

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Head of Music

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Order of Service

Organ Prelude

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) - *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

Waiting for the Coming of Christ

The lights in the Church go out at 7:25pm. There is silence. Please remain seated.

Advent Prose

Sung by the Choir.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

Be not very angry, O Lord, neither remember our iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers prais'd thee.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

We have sinn'd and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

Ye are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me, I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

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 forth righteousness: let the earth be fruitful, and bring forth a Saviour.

Words: The Advent Prose

Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

Our cry for deliverance

Lesson

Read by Jane Potter

Isaiah 59: 9–16

Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We grope like the blind along a wall, groping like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. We all growl like bears; like doves we moan mournfully. We wait for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us. Our transgressions indeed are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning away from following our God, talking oppression and revolt, conceiving lying words and uttering them from the heart. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands at a distance; for truth stumbles in the public square, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and whoever turns from evil is despoiled. The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm brought him victory, and his righteousness upheld him.

After a pause for reflection

Choir *I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

Words: First Responsory of Matins for Advent Sunday

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

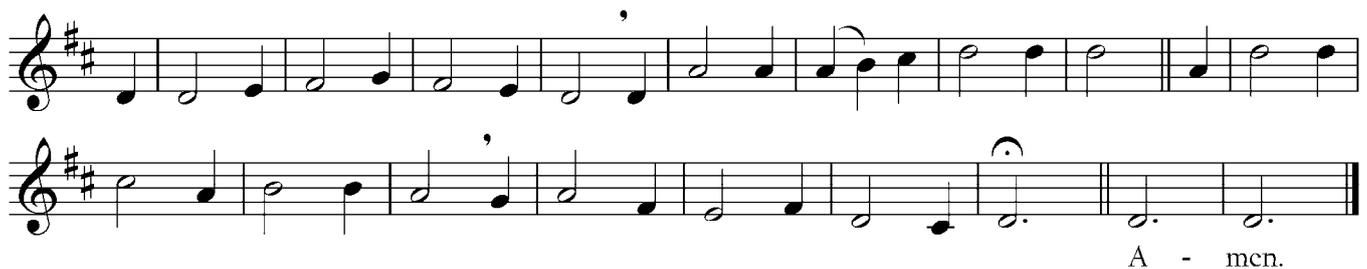
Please stand. A candle is lit as a sign of anticipation and hope. The procession begins and from this candle all the other candles are gradually lit as a symbol of God's presence in the whole of creation and shown especially in the coming of Jesus the Christ.

<i>Choir</i>	LATIN TEXT	ENGLISH TEXT
	<i>O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae et sol justitiae: Veni, et illumina sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.</i>	O morning star, splendour of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness: Come, and bring light to those who dwell in darkness and walk in the shadow of death.

Words: Advent Antiphons 5

Processional Hymn

It is recommended that members of the congregation wear masks when singing.



Choir *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 promised fruit, to man displayed.*

All **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 breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.**

**All laud, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.**

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

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Traditional melody adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Arranged by Sir David Willcocks; CCL licence 552064

Bidding

Officiant In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Jesus Christ, I welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we enter this solemn season of Advent, celebrating anew the coming of God's kingdom, we are called to renew our allegiance to God's loving purpose and to reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to a broken and divided world.

Tonight we come together to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's kingdom, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence and joy the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We pray that we may respond in penitence and faith to the glory of his kingdom, its works of justice and promise of peace, its blessings and its hope.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of God in Christ, let us pray for the peace of the world and for an end to hatred and hostility; let us pray for the weak and the vulnerable, for prisoners and refugees; let us pray for the sick in body, mind or spirit, and for those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; let us pray for those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death.

We pray for all those whose hope is in the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer our prayers in the words he himself taught us, saying:

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.

Please extinguish your candle and be seated.

Choir *O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel.*

*O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol iustitiae:
veni, et illumina sedentes
in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

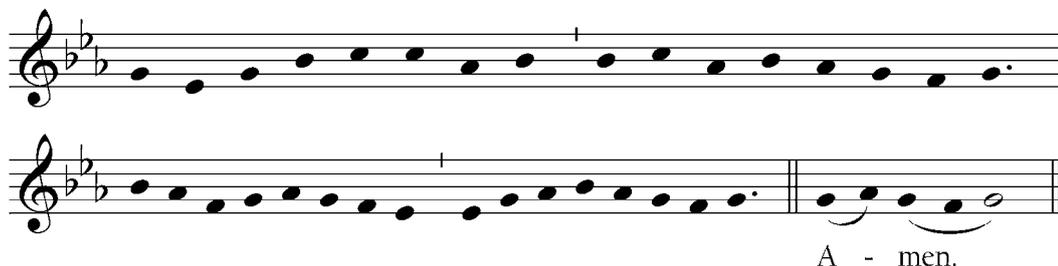
[O morning star, splendour of the light eternal and bright sun of righteousness:
Come, and bring light to those who dwell in darkness
and walk in the shadow of death.]

*O Dayspring, brightness of light everlasting, and sun of righteousness:
come, and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Words: Great Antiphon for 21 December, trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Hymn

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



Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to evening-tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou art Lord and King alone.

To thee, O holy One, we pray,
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Office Hymn during Advent, attributed to St Ambrose;
tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866) and others

Music: CONDITOR ALME plainsong, mode iv CCL licence 552064

Please sit.

God's promises to His people

Lesson

Read by Richard Willgoss

Zechariah 9: 9–10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

After a pause for reflection,

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Adonaj, et dux
domus Israel, qui Moysi
in igne flammae rubi apparuisti,
et ei in Syna legem dedisti:
Veni, ad redimendum nos
in brachio extento.*

ENGLISH TEXT

O Lord of lords, and Ruler of the
House of Israel, you appeared to Moses
in the fire of the burning bush,
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come, with your outstretched arm
and ransom us.

Words: Advent Antiphons 2

*Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes to our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia

*Rorate coeli desuper,
et nubes pluant justum:
aperiatur terra et germinet
Salvatorem.
Ostende nobis, Domine,
misericordiam tuam,
et salutare tuum da nobis:
veni Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.*

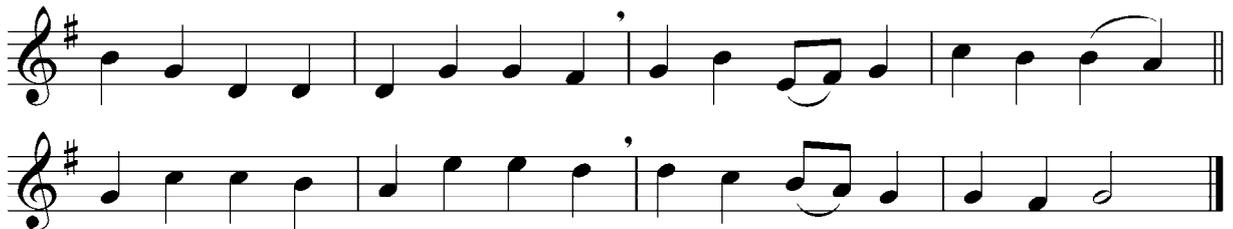
Drop down dew ye heavens from above
and let the clouds pour down
righteousness:
let the earth open and bring forth the
Saviour.
Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
and grant us thy salvation:
come, O Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia.

Words: Vespers Antiphon for Advent IV, Isaiah 45:8, Psalm 85: 8
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Please stand.

Hymn

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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

Please sit.

Lesson

Read by Sue Willgoss

Jeremiah 31: 31–34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After a pause for reflection,

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Rex gentium,
et desideratus earum:
paisque angularis,
qui facis utraque unum:
Veni, salva hominem,
quem de limo formasti.*

ENGLISH TEXT

O King of the nations,
you alone can fulfil their desires:
cornerstone,
binding all together:
Come and save the creature,
you fashioned from the dust of the earth.

Words: Advent Antiphons 6

LATIN TEXT

*Lasset uns frohlocken, es nahet der
Heiland, den Gott uns verheissen.
Der Name des Herrn sei gelobet
in Ewigkeit. Halleluja!*

ENGLISH TEXT

Let us rejoice, the Saviour is near,
whom God promised to us.
The name of the Lord will be praised
for all eternity. Hallelujah!

Words: ?????

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–47)

Hymn

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Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song
swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare
to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from men and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise,
to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)
Music: WACHET AUF Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Harmony by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) CCL licence 552064

Please sit.

Lesson

Read by Alan Melrose

Isaiah 11: 1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

After a pause for reflection, the choir sings,

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Radix Jesse,
qui stas in signum populorum,
super quem reges continebunt os suum,
quem gentes deprecabuntur:*

ENGLISH TEXT

O root of Jesse,
standing as a sign among the nations,
kings will keep silence before you,
for whom the nations long:

LATIN TEXT

*Veni ad liberandum nos,
jam noli tardare.*

Words: Advent Antiphons 3

ENGLISH TEXT

Come and save us,
and delay no longer.

Of a rose, a lovely rose, is all my song.

*The angel came from heav'nly tower to greet Mary with great honour,
and said she should bear the flow'r, that should break the fiend's bond.*

Of a rose...

*The flow'r sprung in Bethlehem that is both bright and sheen: the rose is Mary,
heav'nly queen, out of her bosom the blossom sprung.*

Of a rose...

*Pray we to her with great honour, she that bare that blessed flow'r,
she be our help and our succour and shield us from the fiend's bond.*

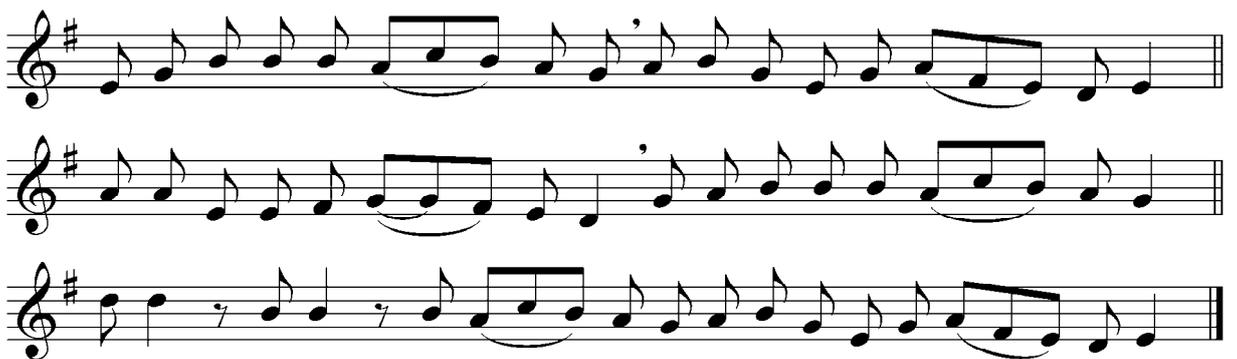
Of a rose...

Words: Fourteenth century

Music: Dom Gregory Murray (1905-1992)

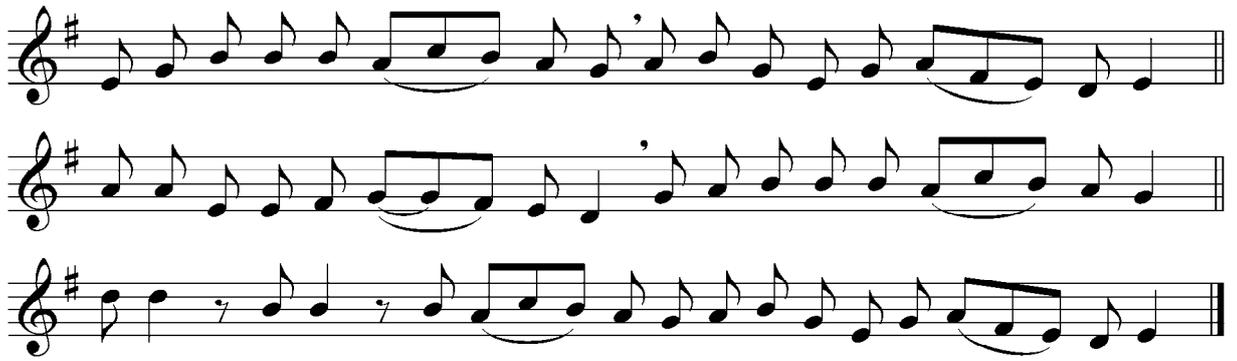
Hymn

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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 Branch 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, 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, 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, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from that high mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the elder law. *Refrain*

Words: 18th century, *tr.* T.A. Lacey (1853-1931) and others
Music: VENI EMMANUEL From a 15th-century French Franciscan
Processional, arranged by Sir David Willcocks; CCL licence 552064

Please sit.

The foretelling

Lesson

Read by The Rev'd Glenn Maytum

Luke 1: 26–35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called

the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

After a pause for reflection, the choir sings,

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Emmanuel, Rex et Legifer noster,
expectatio gentium et Salvator earum:
Veni, ad salvandum nos,
Domine Deus noster.*

Words: Advent Antiphons 7

*Bogoroditse Devo, raduisya,
Blagodatnaya Marie, Gospod' s toboyu.
Blagoslovenna ty v zhenakh i
blagoslaven plod chreva tvoego,
yako Spasa rodila esi dush nashykh.*

Words: From the Orthodox Vespers

Music: Sergey Vasil'yevich Rakhmaninov (1873–1943)

ENGLISH TEXT

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
hope of the nations and their saviour:
Come, and save us,
O Lord our God.

Hail, Mother of God and Virgin,
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb;
for thou hast given birth to the Saviour of
our souls.

Lesson

Read by Michelle Roberts

Romans 8: 29–39

For those whom God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

After a pause for reflection, the choir sings,

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Clavis David, et sceptrum
domus Israel,
qui aperis et nemo claudit,
claudis et nemo aperit:
Veni, et educ vincitum de domo carceris,
sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

ENGLISH TEXT

O Key of David and sceptre
of the House of Israel;
you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
Come and free the captives from prison,
and break down the walls of death.

Words: Advent Antiphons 4

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies :
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Text: Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Please stand.

Hymn

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Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Words: Frederic W. H. Myers (1843-1901)

Music: HIGHWOOD R. R. Terry (1865-1938)

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Please remain standing.

Lesson

Read by *The Rev'd John Stewart*

Mark 1: 1–15

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" '. John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

After a time of silence for reflection, please sit.

Choir

LATIN TEXT

*O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi
prodisti,
attingens a fine usque ad finem, fortiter:
suaviter disponensque omnia:
Veni, ad docendum nos viam
prudentiae.*

Words: Advent Antiphons 1

ENGLISH TEXT

O Wisdom, coming forth from
the Most High, filling all creation
and reigning to the ends of the earth:
Come, and teach us the way of truth.

GERMAN TEXT

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,
Der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt,
Des sich wundert alle Welt,
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

Words: Luther's translation of the Ambrosian Hymn *Veni, Redemptory gentium*
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ENGLISH TEXT

Now come, Saviour of the gentiles,
recognised as the child of the Virgin,
so that the world marvels,
that God ordained such a birth for Him.

Prayers

Led by Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh AM

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.**

Spirit of understanding, inflame our hearts to seek peace and justice for all people; guide with your wisdom and power the leaders of the nations; that all may live in peace and mutual trust, sharing with equity the resources of the earth. **Amen.**

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

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



Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HELMSLEY Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799)

Descant arrangements by Richard Marlow (1939-2013)

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Blessing

Officiant May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for eternal life. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who comes to us as Redeemer and Judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Andrew Carter (b.1939) – *Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*

Following the procession of the choir and clergy, the congregation is invited to be seated for the voluntary, or to leave silently.

Advent Customs: The Advent Wreath



The symbolism of the Advent wreath is rich. It is a circle to remind us that God always has lived and always will live. Evergreens are used on the wreath to remind us that people who love God will live forever with God.

The wreath has four main candles, usually blue or violet, but this may vary according to local custom. Violet, representing penance, is also the Royal colour; the church uses it to remind us that we are watching and preparing for Christ our King. Sometimes one candle is pink. The four candles stand for the four weeks in Advent. A fifth candle, white, known as the Christ candle, is added at the centre of the circle. One candle is lit on the first Sunday and an additional one is lit on each Sunday in Advent. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve. The candles we use in the Advent Wreath are to remind us of the way Jesus changed the darkness of hatred into the light of joy and love.

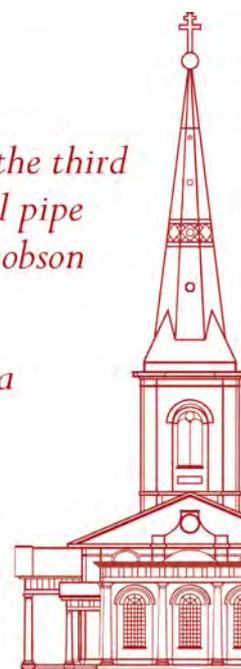
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As part of our Bicentenary, we're building a new pipe organ, which will be the third largest in Sydney (after the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Town Hall pipe organs) and it will be the first in the Southern Hemisphere to be built by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders Pty Ltd, from Lake City, Iowa, USA.

During November, the old pipe organ was taken out and we are now using a temporary digital organ.

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Advent Quiet Day

Saturday 10 December, 10 am - 3 pm

A retreat-style quiet day focussed on gratitude.

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Sunday 15 January
Jonathan Dove - *Köthener Messe*

Sunday 22 January
Franz Schubert - *Mass in A-flat major*

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(extra copies are available in the Baptistry)

Advent & Christmas at St James'

Sunday 4 December - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist* (*Berkeley - Missa Brevis*)

Sunday 11 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist* (*Mozart - Missa Brevis in F*)

Saturday 17 December - Special Advent Concert

5:00pm *Messiah*[^]

Sunday 18 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Choral Eucharist* (*Victoria - Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater*)

7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols*

Wednesday 21 December

1:15pm Lunchtime Lessons & Carols*

6:30pm Candlelight Carols*

Thursday 22 December

6:30pm Candlelight Carols

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

6:00pm Christingle

10:30pm Night Eucharist of the Nativity*

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

8:00am Sung Eucharist of the Nativity

10:00am Choral Eucharist of the Nativity*

* Sung by The Choir of St James' and livestreamed
(sjks.org.au/online-services; facebook.com/stjameskingstreet; youtube)

[^] ticketed event; see stjamesmusic.org.au for details