

NOTICES

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Advent [V]

Celebrant: Wayne Brodeur *Preacher:* Fred Brunell

Lections: Isaiah 40: 1–11; II Peter 3: 8–15a; Mark 1: 1–8

Lectors: Ruth & Jaedra *Intercessor:* Paul Y

Sidesperson: Warren

Morning Tea Team: Barbara Beale & Helper

Commemorations this week:

Monday: John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749;
Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of Little Gidding Community, 1637.

Wednesday: Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326.

Thursday: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397.

Friday: Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
Richard Baxter, Priest, Theologian, 1691.

Saturday: Holy Men of the Old Testament.



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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM Eucharist



ORDER OF THE MASS

First Sunday in Advent

3rd December 2017^{AD}



Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Michael John **Organist:** Jenny Barris-Wheeler
Lectors: Alison Molloy & Sylvia John **Intercessor:** Pat Beale



¶ Please stand at the bell stroke for **the Sentence:**

The Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

¶ After a pause, the bell will ring again three times to mark the commencement of **The Angelus:**

Priest: The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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 at the hour of our death. Amen.

¶ The Bell rings three times.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary . . .

¶ The Bell rings three times.

And the Word was made Flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

¶ The Bell rings nine times.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God:

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion and Cross ✠ we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Then is chanted the **Rorate Coeli** (*The Advent Prose opening – Cantor: Andrew Wallis AHC*)

✠ Rorate coeli desuper et nubes pluant justum

(*Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just*)

✠ **Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.**

(*Let the earth be opened and send forth a Saviour*)

¶ The Procession enters with the **Introit Hymn:**

**3. So we, who walk together
into the coming day,
give thanks for faithful women,
who join us as we pray
to share with those we care for
the truth we have believed,
and bear into the future
the light we have received.
With called and chosen women
who lead us in God's ways,
we bring our dedication,
our offering of praise.**

Dismissal: The Mass is ended. Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



¶ All sing the Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The Invitation:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

Prayer after Communion:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements:

Prayer over the People:

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

Recessional Hymn:

**1. Praise God for faithful women
who, from the Gospel's birth,
have lived their lives for Jesus
in every land on earth
by leadership and teaching,
with work of loving care,
as visionaries and mystics
in solitude and prayer.
They stand throughout our history
as signs of hope and grace,
revealing Jesus' presence
within their time and place.**

**2. Give thanks for their persistence
in claiming Jesus' call
to be what he has made them,
whose church includes us all:
to serve as priests and leaders,
stand at their brothers' side,
enriching Jesus' people
with gifts too long denied.
Old barriers have fallen;
the Gospel sets us free
to follow where God leads us
in true equality.**



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.*

2 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.

3 O come, O come, Adonaï,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

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

5 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.

5 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.

7 O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

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

¶ Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of the First Candle

Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; They rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil. (Is. 9:1-2)

And so we pray:

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son.

As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,
desire of every nation,
Saviour of all peoples,
come and dwell among us.

Then the first candle is lit by a member of the congregation.

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in

weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

¶ All sing the Kyrie Eleison:

**Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Absolution:

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, ✠ pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

(64: 1-9)

Why did you not tear asunder the heavens and come down, that, when you appeared, the mountains might shake, that fire might blaze as it blazes in brushwood when it makes water boil? Then would your name be known to your adversaries, and nations would tremble before you. You surprised us with awesome things; the mountains shook when you appeared. Never has ear heard or eye seen any other god who acts for those who wait for him. You welcome him who rejoices to do what is right, who is mindful of your ways. When you showed your anger, we sinned and, in spite of it we have done evil from of old. We all became like something unclean and all our righteous deeds were like a filthy rag; we have all withered like leaves and our iniquities carry us away like the wind. There is no one who invokes you by name or rouses himself to hold fast to you; for you have hidden your face from us and left us in the grip of our iniquities. Yet, Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, you are the potter, and all of us are your handiwork. Do not let your anger pass all bounds, Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever; look on us all, look on your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 80

Response: Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

¶ All sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

¶ All sing the Mystery of Faith:

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

¶ All sing the Doxology:

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

As Christ teaches us, we pray singing:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Ka whatia e tatou tenei taro, hei whaingā wahi i roto i te tinana a te Karaiti.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Offertory Hymn:

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| LET all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand. | 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away. |
| 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food. | 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high! |

The Presentation of the Gifts:

¶ At the taking of the bread:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

¶ At the taking of the wine:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives with yours, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
2. Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
3. Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.

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5. O Lord God of Hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
6. You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.
7. You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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15. Turn again, O God of Hosts, look down from heaven and behold;
16. Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
17. Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

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18. Let your hand be upon the the man at your right hand, the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
19. And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

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A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

(1: 3–9)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I am always thanking God for you. I thank him for his grace given to you in Christ Jesus; I thank him for all the enrichment that has come to you in Christ. You possess full knowledge and you can give full expression to it, because what we testified about Christ has been confirmed in your experience. There is indeed no single gift you lack, while you wait expectantly for our Lord Jesus Christ to reveal himself. He will keep you firm to the end, without reproach on the day of our Lord Jesus. It is God himself who called you to share in the life of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and God keeps faith.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence 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. | 3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
| 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart. | 4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne. |

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

The Lord Bless you.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark:

(13: 23–37)

Praise and glory to God.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard; I have forewarned you of it all. But in those days, after that distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give her light; the stars will come falling from the sky, the celestial powers will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and he will send out the angels and gather his chosen from the four winds, from the farthest bounds of earth to the farthest bounds of heaven. Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its tender shoots appear and are breaking into leaf, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all this happening, you may know that the end is near, at the very door. Truly I tell you: the present generation will live to see it all. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Yet about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not even the Son; no one but the Father. Be on your guard, keep watch. You do not know when the moment is coming. It is like a man away from home: he has left his house and put his servants in charge, each with his own work to do, and he has ordered the door-keeper to stay awake. Keep awake, then, for you do not know when the master of the house will come. Evening or midnight, cock-crow or early dawn—if he comes suddenly, do not let him find you asleep. And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep awake!'

This is the Gospel of Christ. Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon: Andrew Wallis AHC

The Nicene Creed:

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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 Intercessions:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Those sick and suffering known to us

For George, Carol, Jasmine, and Mary.

The Troubled Areas of the World

We remember the victims of disaster in the world, especially those suffering from violence and war in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Somalia, the Sudan/Dafur, the Middle East (especially Palestine and Lebanon), Zimbabwe, and Afghanistan. Those afflicted with AIDS, starvation, homelessness, or imprisonment.

For all those who have died recently, or those whose anniversaries occur at this time. For all those who have worshipped and ministered in this place and those we pray for especially.

Ÿ: Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord;

℞: **And let light perpetual shine up on them.**

Ÿ: May they rest in peace;

℞: **And rise in Glory.**

In a moment of silence, we make our own intentions to God at this mass.

¶ *All sing:*

Shine on our darkness, Radiant One,

Give hope to our prayers .

Shine on our darkness, Radiant One,

Illumine our way.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace:

E te whanau, we are the Body of Christ,

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

The peace of Christ be always with you,

And also with you.

¶ *Exchange the peace (Please stay in your pew and exchange the Peace with those alongside.)*