

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH

*2nd Sunday of
Advent*



“Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1) Daily Prayer

Daily Prayer has many names: Divine Office; Breviary; Liturgy of the Hours; Morning and Evening Prayer; Matins and Evensong; Lauds, Vespers, and Compline; and so on. The discipline of praying psalms, reading from the scriptures, and interceding and giving thanks is followed many times a day, around the globe, day in, day out, week in, week out, season upon season, year after year, back millennia, with and through the synagogue into the mists of time.

Do you want to join in? One of the cool things about it is that if you miss one of your prayer times, you know others are still carrying on this earth-circling wave of prayer. And whenever you do join in, that’s exactly what we are doing: joining the endless round of prayer and praise, in fact being inserted into Christ’s prayer, into God’s inner life.

How might you start? You can ask someone who is already following this discipline. I have prayed like this for decades. Clergy, Religious, and many others do this daily. Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, and other denominations also have this discipline. You can follow the instructions in a book with Daily Prayer, and a bit of trial and error. It’s great if you can pray this way with someone else.

There’s lots of different websites and apps that can help – you can find Daily Prayer online or on a (free) app. Search online for one of the names given at the start of this reflection.

One of the issues with starting to pray Daily Prayer is that it can appear very complex. Don’t let that daunt you. Pray as you can – not as you can’t.

Bosco +

Fr Bosco Peters

The Second Sunday in Advent
4 December 2022

Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Bosco Peters

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Bosco Peters **Organ:** Paul Ellis

Mass Setting: S. Mary's Mass Anthony Caesar
(Music scores are available from sides people)

Organ Voluntary: Fugues on the Magnificat Johann Pachelbel
(composed for the Second Sunday of Advent, 1702)

Introit Hymn: 12 Charles Coffin

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The second candle is lit on the Advent Wreath.

Light the Advent candle, two:
Think of humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child of Christmas night.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the warm Summer night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

The people are invited to call to mind their sins in silence

Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

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.**

Stir up your power, O God, and with your great might come to our aid, so that where our sins impede us, the help of your grace may swiftly deliver us, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 11: 1–10 Joshua Wilson Black
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.

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

R. In his days may righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son, that he may judge your people rightly, and uphold the poor with justice. **R.**
2. In his days may righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon is no more. May his rule extend from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. **R.**
3. He shall deliver the needy when they cry, and the poor who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the poor. **R.**
4. May the king live for ever, and his name endure as long as the sun. May all nations pray to be blessed as he is, and all peoples call him blessed. **R.**

Second Reading:

Romans 15: 4–13

Rachel Watson

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised, on behalf of the truth of God, in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written: Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name; and again he says: Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people; and again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him; and again Isaiah says: The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1–12

Fr Geoff Paterson

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judæa, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judæa were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Sermon:

Fr Bosco Peters

Affirmation of Faith:

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 (*all genuflect or bow*).

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.

Intercessions: Barbara Moreton

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **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 at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**
At the Peace all may exchange a greeting with those near them.

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 Preparation of the Gifts

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.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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.**

Offertory Hymn: 388 Isaac Watts

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the humble poor are blest.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

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

God of all goodness and grace, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim 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.**

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Peter our bishop, all the clergy, and the entire people your Son has gained for you. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

As Christ teaches us we pray:

**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.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Dorothy Burrows

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.

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, the kingdom of heaven is coming near.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

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

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Communion Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains J Stainer ADFC

Advent Prose: 501

Antiphon:

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

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a
desolation:

our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

[Antiphon]

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

[Antiphon]

Ye are my witnesses, saith 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.

[Antiphon]

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.

[Antiphon]

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us to heed the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 3 Charles Wesley

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.

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

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

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

Organ Voluntary: Wachet Auf Max Reger

7.00pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

Today's "Stir up..." collect goes back over thirteen centuries to at least the Gelasian Sacramentary. It is a prayer shared by Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and others. In the Sarum missal, collects for four of the five Sundays before Christmas all began "Excita" (Stir up...). The exception was the Third Sunday, associated with an Ember Week and Gaudete ("Rejoice").

The Great Thanksgiving prayer used today is sourced from the Apostolic Tradition, attributed to Hippolytus of Rome, 18 centuries ago. It is one of the most popular Eucharistic Prayers, used by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, and others. It is an agreement (formulary) of our Anglican Church that allows its use at our Mass.

Online Services

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

Meditation Group—Wed 12.00 noon everyone is invited to meditate for 20 minutes at home in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.

The meditation group are looking for a coordinator—not a daunting task please contact Fr. Bosco by email or telephone if you can help.

Bible Study— Thurs 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK**The Third Sunday in Advent**

11 December 2022

8:00 am	Low Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
10.00 am	Solemn Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Bosco Peters
Servers:	SD: Jenny Daniels	MC: Joshua Wilson Black	
	Th: Thomas Visakan	Cr: Jack Barrie	
	Ac: Liam Moore, Mila Pepperle— Coles		
First Reading:	Isaiah 35: 1-10	Sue Shannons	
Second Reading:	James 5: 7-10	Jenny Daniels	
Gospel:	Matthew 11: 2-11	Fr Peter Williams	
Sermon:	Fr Bosco Peters		
Sides people:	Toni Stewart, Vince Moreton		
Intercessions:	Robert Maclagan		
Offertory:	Ann and Dudley Jinman		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jenny Daniels, Michael Graveston		
Morning Tea:	Joy Coulter, Jane Ellis		
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson		
Sacristy:	-		
Flowers:	Toni Stewart		

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Margaret Weaver.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

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7:00 pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Richard Baxter, Priest, Theologian, 1691
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Holy Men of the Old Testament
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Thomas Merton, Spiritual Writer, 1968
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7:00 pm	Taizé

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