THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 December 2024

From the Vicar...

Dear friends.

This Sunday we celebrate the last Mass of Advent as we head towards the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our readings speak about the preparations that God made for Jesus to be born among us and as one of us. This profound truth is revealed as we journey through the Liturgies of this week finding it's realisation in the Christmas Mass. We have a variety of services which tell this story. Please come and join us this Christmas as we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation.

Last week St Michael's School finished their year with an Advent Carols service and Prize Giving. It was a great joy to be involved with these services and it was also a privilege to have Bishop Peter present in his role as Bishop and Warden of the school. We pray that all the students would have a safe and refreshing holiday and we especially pray for the Principal and staff that they would be energised for next year.

Just a few things worth mentioning. Our Daily Mass takes a short break after Christmas Day returning on Monday 30 December. Our usual pattern of worship continues through January with the exception of Evensong and Benediction which returns in February and gives the choir a much-needed break. Deacon Robert and I are on leave as stated in the notices. Please do get in touch with the Wardens during this time if there are any pastoral needs.

Coming back to our readings for this Sunday, we have Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit gives us those profound words which would later become the basis for the Hail Mary prayer which we pray at every Mass.

The history of the development of the Hail Mary prayer is somewhat shrouded in the mists of time with a variety of stories of how it came to be an important devotion. There is little or no trace of the Hail Mary as an accepted devotional formula before about 1050. All the evidence suggests that it took its rise from certain versicles and responsories occurring in the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin which just at that time was coming into favour among the monastic orders.

The great collections of Mary-legends which began to be formed in the early years of the twelfth century show us that this salutation of our Lady was fast becoming widely prevalent as a form of private devotion, though it is not quite certain how far it was customary to include the clause "and blessed is the fruit of thy womb". But Abbot Baldwin, a Cistercian who was made Archbishop of Canterbury in 1184, wrote before this date a sort of paraphrase of the Ave Maria in which he says:

"To this salutation of the Angel, by which we daily greet the most Blessed Virgin, with such devotion as we may, we are accustomed to add the words, "and blessed is the fruit of thy womb," by which clause Elizabeth at a later time, on hearing the Virgin's salutation to her, caught up and completed, as it were, the Angel's words, saying: "Blessed are thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

God Bless,

Father Jordan

Fr. Jodan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

22 December 2024

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Adrienne Curtis, Gail Chiswell

Organ:Ave MariaEnrico BossiMass Setting:St Mary's MassAnthony Caesar

Introit Hymn: 185

Sing we of the blesséd Mother Who received the angel's word, And obedient to his summons Bore in love the infant Lord; Sing we of the joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blesséd,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

Greeting:





The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

The Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their 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.

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.**

Let us pray (silence).

Pour forth, we beseech you, O God, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by the passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, 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) Micah 5:2-5a Gloria Moyle

The Lord says to his people: 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.

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

Psalm Canticle: Magnificat

R. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. For you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant, and from this day all generations will call me blessed. **R.**

You, O most mighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name. You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. **R.**

You have filled the hungry with good things, and the rich you have sent empty away. You have come to the help of your people, for you have remembered your promise of mercy. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Hebrews 10:5–10 Therese Aitchison

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 Christ said, "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.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Pra

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 1: 39–45 Deacon Robert Jamieson Mary set out and went with haste to a Judæan town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped 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 leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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, (all genuflect or bow) 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord ♥
Who made heaven and earth

The Lord be with you The Lord bless you

Let us pray (silence)

Let us cleanse our hearts for the coming of our great king that we may be ready to welcome him, he is coming and will not delay.

The Fourth Advent candle is lit

Grant us O Lord that the approaching Feast of your birth may fill us with peace and life, and may unite us with you and all God's people in the bond of charity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **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 non physical 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.

Offertory: Gail Chiswell, Dorothy Burrows

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: 5

Hark! A herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say; 'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven; Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory, And earth's final hour draws near, May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son, With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen. Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

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

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

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.

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......

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.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. 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.

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.

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.

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.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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.

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka īnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai. ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite ano ki to te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou āianei he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā. Murua ō mātou hara. Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou. Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria. Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Rachel Watson

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.

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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.

Motet: Ave Maria Edward Elgar

Communion Hymn: Advent Prose 501

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.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and

let the skies

pour down righteousness.

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.

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

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.

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.

Let us pray (silence).

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and may the blessing of God almighty, $\mbox{\em \em Father}$, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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: 186

Tell out, my soul, Tell out, my soul,

the greatness of the Lord: the greatness of his might:

Unnumbered blessings, Powers and dominions lay their glory by;

give my spirit voice; Proud hearts and stubborn wills

Tender to me the promise of his word; are put to flight,

In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice. The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, Tell out, my soul,

the greatness of his name: The glories of his word:

Make known his might, Firm his promise, and his mercy sure.

the deeds his arm has done; Tell out, my soul,

His mercy sure, from age to age the same; the greatness of the Lord

His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One. To children's children and for evermore.

Organ Voluntary: Fugue on the Magnificat JS Bach

7.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Bryson Frost, Vince Moreton, Lynda Daniels, Braden Ritchie, Donna Curtis, John Patterson, Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, Charles Barltrop, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Departed: Rita Libeau, Amelia Stockdale Lamont, Ruben Stockdale-Frost

Anniversaries: (Sun) William Sinclair, Nic Webb

(Wed) Amelia Seymour, Marcia Gray, Jessica Pasea, John Flavell, Priest

(Fri) Marie Ellis

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation - recommences Wednesday 22 January 2025.

Bible Study—recommences Thursday 6 February 2025.

Pray the Rosary—recommences Thursday 9 January 2025.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission. Needed are groceries for families for the holiday season and, for the Mission Outreach, sunscreen, sunhats and personal hygiene products.

OFFICE LEAVE OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to inform you about our office closure and arrangements for support during this period.

The Parish office will close at 1.30 pm **Friday, 20 December 2024** and will re-open on **Monday, 13 January 2025.** Please call either the vicar or wardens if you need immediate assistance over this period. For non-urgent matters, support will resume when the office reopens on **13 January 2025.**

Father Jordan & Deacon Robert will be on leave from the **6 January**, returning to the office on **Tuesday 14 January**. For any urgent pastoral needs during this period please contact the wardens who will arrange with one of the associate priests.

THIS WEEK Christmas Eve Mass 24 December 2024

11.00pm Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Rachel Watson MC: Joshua Wilson Black

Th: Jack Barrie Cr: Lawrence Watson

Ac: Robbie Moore, Georgia Caughey

First Reading: Marla Hughes Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7
Second Reading: Thomas Visakan Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Deacon Robert Jamieson John 1:1-4

Eucharist Ministers: Rachel Watson, Jane Evans

Sides person: Jane Evans Livestream: Hugh Munro

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Jane Evans

Intercessions: Johnann Williams

Sacristy: -

Sacristan: Lawrence Watson

Flowers: Team—9.30am, 24 December 2024

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.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas Day

25 December 2024

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server:

10.00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Margaret Maclagan MC: Sung Bae

Th: Jack Barrie Cr: Robert Calvert

Ac: Thomas Visakan, Robbie Moore

First Reading:Sue ShannonsIsaiah 52:7-10Second Reading:Robert MaclaganHebrews 1:1-4Gospel:Deacon Robert JamiesonLuke 2:1-20

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Jenny Daniels **Sides people:** Maria Light, Robert Maclagan

Livestream: Kathleen Campbell
Offertory: Jenny and Peter Daniels

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

Sacristy: -

Sacristan: Robbie Moore

NEXT WEEK The First Sunday of Christmas 29 December 2024

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server: Eyob Habte

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Margaret Maclagan

Servers: SD: Jenny Daniels MC: Robert Calvert
Th: Thomas Visakan Cr: Robbie Moore

Ac: Callum Robertson, Georgia Caughey

First Reading:Barbara Moreton1 Samuel 2:18-20,26Second Reading:Brenda WithellColossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Margaret Maclagan Luke 2:41-52

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Carol Fraser **Sides people:** Jane Evans. Joy Coulter **Livestream:** Kathleen Campbell

Offertory: Joy Coulter, Sue Shannons

Intercessions:Marla HughesSacristan:Eyob HabteSacristy:Shirley RichardsFlowers:Toni Stewart

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

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8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Feria 12.35 pm Mass

Tuesday The Eve and Vigil of Christmas

12.35 pm Mass

4.00 pm Children's Crib Service

11.00 pm Carol Service

11.30 pm The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ

Wednesday Christmas Day—The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

Thursday St Stephen. The first Christian Martyr

No Mass

Friday St John the Evangelist

No Mass

Saturday Holy Innocents

Next Sunday The Feast of the Holy Family 29 December 2024

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

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