THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Third Sunday of Advent 15 December 2024

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

On this Third Sunday of the Advent season, the theme is traditionally one of joy. The first word of the traditional entrance hymn on this Sunday is "Rejoice!" This is a tradition coming down from the old pre-Vatican II Latin Mass when the first word of the Introit or entrance antiphon was Gaudete (rejoice, be glad). And so, this Sunday has come to be known as "Gaudete Sunday".

In the past, Advent was a penitential season – there were four fast days during this period – and the celebrant of the liturgy wears vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. The atmosphere was deliberately sombre and penitential.

So, in the middle of it all, people needed to be reminded of what they were preparing for – the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus. In the midst of all the penance and fasting, this Sunday was conceived as a window of joy and brightness in anticipation of what was to come. On this day, too, the violet vestments in many churches give way to a less penitential colour, a pinkish red, a toned-down violet usually described as "rose". As a reminder, there is a similar break, "Laetare Sunday", during the Lenten season.

And why should we be rejoicing? Because we are soon to remember that the Son of God, Jesus the Christ, came to live among us as a human being and be one of us:

And the Word [who has the nature of God] became flesh and lived [literally 'pitched his tent'] among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1).

God Bless,

Father Jordan

Fr. Jadar

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

The Third Sunday of Advent

15 December 2024

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis, Eric Apperley

Sidespeople: Tim Cranston, Toni Stewart

Organ: Nun komm. der heiden heiland BWV599 JS Bach

Mass Setting: St Mary's Mass Anthony Caesar

Introit Hymn: 55

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,

And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy To those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying,

Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers

Upon the fruitful earth, Love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth: Before him on the mountains Shall peace the herald go; And righteousness in fountains

From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing; To him shall prayer unceasing

And daily vows ascend;

O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is love.

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.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Let us pray (silence).

Incline your ear, O God, to our pleading, and by the grace of your coming to us enlighten the darkness of our hearts, 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) Zephaniah 3: 14–20 Ros Calvert

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Canticle: Isaiah 12: 2–6

R. Sing for joy, you people of God, for great in your midst is the Holy One.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. **R.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, and in that day all of you will say, "Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord: make known among the nations what the Lord has done, proclaim that the name of the Lord is exalted. **R.**

Sing praises, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the earth. Shout and sing for joy, you people of God, for great in your midst is the Holy One." **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Philippians 4: 4–7 Kate Churchill

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Luke 3: 7–18 Fr Peter Williams

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax-collectors came to be baptised, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Sermon: Deacon Robert Jamieson

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 X 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 Third Advent candle is lit

Father in heaven the day draws near when the glory of your son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the heart of those who seek him, may the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions: Rachel Watson

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: Adrienne Curtis, 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: 9

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! 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.

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks and praise.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

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.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in 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......

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:

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

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.

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga. Kia meatia tau e pai ai, ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō 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:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Gail Chiswell

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.

Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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.

Anthem: A tender shoot Otto Goldschmidt

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

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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

Let us pray (silence).

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord 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,

▼ 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: 466

Thou whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard, And took their flight; Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy Dove, Speed forth thy flight; Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, Boundless as ocean's tide Rolling in fullest pride, Through the world far and wide Let there be light.

Organ Voluntary: Gottes Sohn ist kommen JS Bach

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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

Rita Libeau, 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: Janice Dent

Anniversaries: (Mon) Robert Sisson-Stetch (Wed) James Batchelor (Fri) Elsie Oakley

(Sat) Kate Kiver, Madge Astridge

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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 DURING 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.**

Father Jordan & Deacon Robert will be on leave from 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.

22 DECEMBER

7pm — The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
A service of carols, choral music and Bible readings which tell the
Christmas story.

24 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm — Children's Crib Service

A short service for children around the crib.

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11pm — Christmas Carols
A series of Christmas carols sung by congregation and choir,
immediately followed by...

11:30pm — Midnight Mass The first Mass of Christmas.

25 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am — Low Mass

A short Mass without musical accompaniment.

10am — Solemn Mass

A longer Mass with choir and organ and activities for children.

NEXT WEEK The Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 December 2024

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Server:** Hugh Munro

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

Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Jenny Daniels MC: Robert Calvert

Th: Joshua Wilson Black Cr: Eyob Habte

Ac: Maria Light, Lawrence Watson

First Reading:Gloria MoyleMicah 5:2-5aSecond Reading:Therese AitchisonHebrews 10:5-10Gospel:Deacon Robert JamiesonLuke 1:39-45

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Rachel Watson **Sides people:** Adrienne Curtis, Gail Chiswell

Intercessions: Barbara Moreton

Offertory: Gail Chiswell, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea: Joy Coulter, Jane Ellis Sacristan: Lawrence Watson Sacristy: Jenny Daniels Livestream: Hugh Munro Toni Stewart

Nine Lessons and Carols Readers: Ros Calvert, Joshua Wilson Black, Therese Aitchison

Sue Shannons, Jane Ellis, Thomas Visakan, Johnann Williams

Fr Peter Williams, Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Server: Robert Calvert

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8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Marianne Williams, Missionary, 1879

12.35 pm Mass

Tuesday Feria

8.30 am Morning Prayer

12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria

8.30 am Morning Prayer 12.00 pm Meditation Group

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria

8.30 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Bible Study 12.00 noon Rosary Group

12.35 pm Mass

Friday Feria

8.30 am Morning Prayer

12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Feria

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7.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

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.

Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass