



# BCP Holy Eucharist

Third Sunday of Advent

15 December 2019 • 8am



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**Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral**  
*Wominjeka* means 'Welcome' in Woiwurrung, the language of the Kulin nation, on whose land this Cathedral stands. We acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with us today.

St Paul's is home to worshippers from more than two dozen nations, seat of the Anglican Primate of Australia, and home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you are with us today: come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to our clergy.

## Leading the Service

*President & Preacher:*

The Revd Canon Christopher Carolane, *Canon Pastor*

**Children** A children's area is located on the right-hand side of the Cathedral. Children's activity packs are available. Parents are asked to remain with their children.

**Safeguarding** We strongly condemn any form of abuse and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people, and to speaking out against violence against women. All our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you would like to raise any concerns, please contact the independent Professional Standards Body, Kooyoora. Tel. 1800 135 246. For advice in the case of family violence, ring 1800 737 732.

**Bible Readings in World Languages** may be found at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

**Communion** Baptised Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Others who would like to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this booklet. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the priest.

**Tap and Go** facilities are available on the offertory plates.

**Valuables** Please keep your valuables with you at all times.

*The service begins on the laminated cards with the Lord's Prayer.*

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

The third burning candle reminds us of John the Baptist's preparation of the way for Jesus, even as we prepare the way for his second coming.

*After the candle is lit the following prayer is said.*

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born to be our king: enable us to walk in your light as your people and to your glory. **Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35.1-10

*Read by Jamie Pearce*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;**

The Almighty has done great things for me:  
and holy is his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him:  
from generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:  
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things:  
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:  
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

SECOND READING: James 5.7-10

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew: 11.2-11  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

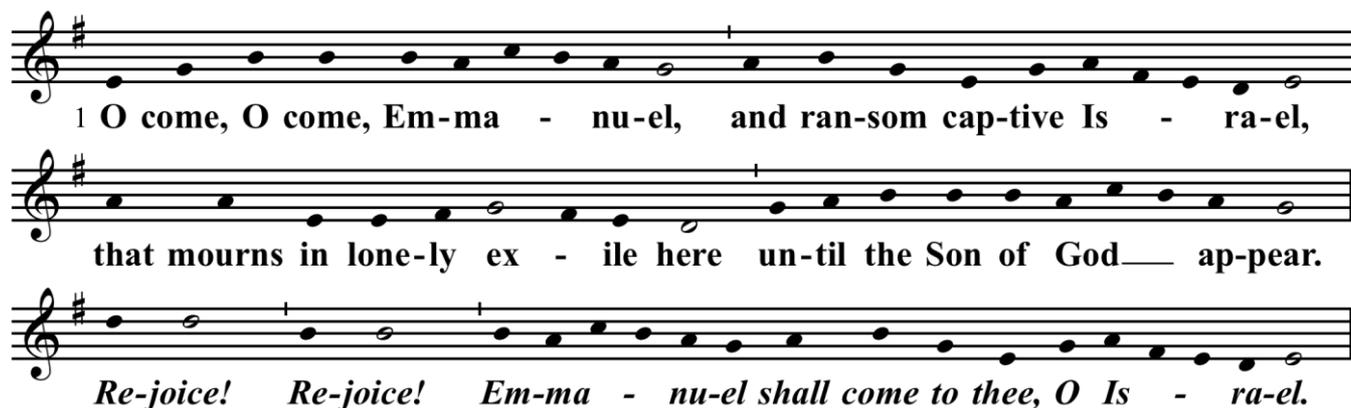
<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."  
<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Service continues on the laminated card with the Nicene Creed.*

Please join in singing the

HYMN DURING COMMUNION



1 O come, O come, Em-ma - nu-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra-el,  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God— ap-pear.  
*Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el.*

2  
O come, O come, thou Lord of might  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! ...*

3  
O come, thou key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high  
and close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! ...*

4  
O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! ...*

5  
O come, thou dayspring,  
come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to  
flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! ...*

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) alt.  
*Australian Hymn Book 193*

## PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR

**THE WORLD** Those affected by fire and drought in Australia; family and friends of those who lost their lives in the White Island eruption in New Zealand; safety for those affected by flooding in South Africa and Kenya; peaceful and just resolution to the protests and upheaval in Hong Kong.

**THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Nigeria (Bp Augustin Omole); El Salvador (Bp Juan David Alvarado Melgar).

**THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH** Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

**THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** Archdeaconry of Geelong (Jill McCoy); St Martin's Belgrave Heights (Martin Oliver).

**OUR CATHEDRAL** Our Canon Pastor, the Revd Canon Christopher Carolane; our Seniors Group; pastoral ministry to the congregations; Pastoral Visiting Team, Licensed Lay Ministers, our Vergers and Concierges; our Servers; the Hospitality Group; our volunteer Guides, Chaplains and Shop Assistants.

**THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED** Joan Woodhouse, Beryl Coombe, Robyn & David Forbes, Judy and Frank Clift, Andrew, Lucilia & Carlota Soares, David Blake, Janet Marsden, Pam Sullivan, Martin Devine, John, Evonne Paddison, Seila, Mark Rostoks, Geoffrey Cox, Henri-Felix Vinson, Sum Vita, Maria Vonn, Brian, Rose, Kathleen & Samuel Hodgson.

**REFUGEES IN DETENTION** , Hussain Mujahid, Ramzan Ali Ramzan Ali, Ali Reza Narimani, Sujeekaran Thambiraja, Saeed Bokhanfard

### YEAR'S MINDS

- 17 Edwin Lee Neil (Lay Canon) 1934
- 18 Charles Edward Drought (Canon) 1917  
Frederick Waldegrave Head (Archbishop) 1941  
Darcy Young (Congregation) 2007
- 19 Geoffrey Tremayne Sambell (Bishop) 1980
- 20 Frederick Evelyn Sturt Snodgrass (Canon) 1929  
Darcy Young (Congregation) 2007
- 21 John Clive Herring (Canon) 1937  
James Leslie Watt (Canon) 1953

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## NOTICES

**NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHERS (22 DEC)** 8am: The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames; 9am and 10.30am: The Revd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee; 6pm: The Revd Prof. Mark Lindsay.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** This afternoon (15 December) at 4pm, all are welcome to join us for this special service sung by the full Cathedral Choir. A great opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate Christmas with you. The Preacher will be the Dean. There will be no service at 6pm.

**BONHOEFFER BOOK** *Journeying with Bonhoeffer: Six Steps on the Path of Discipleship* by the Dean and Dr Katherine Firth is available for purchase from the Cathedral Shop. Cost \$20.

**PRAY WITH US** Each Wednesday between 8 and 10am, some members of our congregation have committed to spend some time, wherever they are, to pray for the Cathedral's ministry and congregation. If you would like to join us and receive a monthly prayer list, please contact the Precentor.

**BROCHURES WITH CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES** are available on the welcome table. Please feel free to take one to give to friends and family.

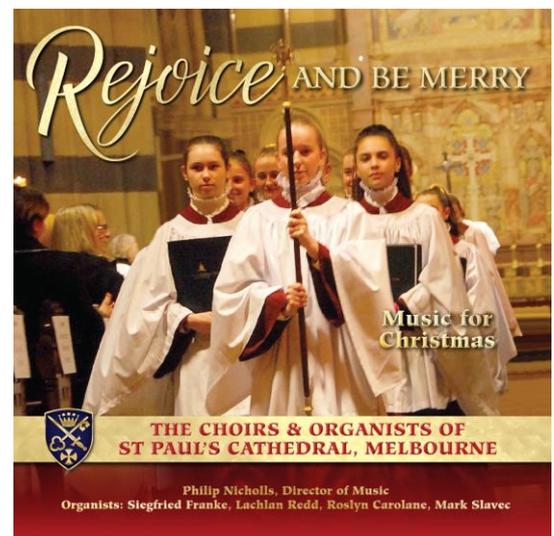
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### NEW CHOIR CD – REJOICE AND BE MERRY

The new CD, featuring the Girls' Voices of the Cathedral Choir, includes some favourite hymns and carols, as well as a few jewels from the girls' repertoire.

From O Come all Ye Faithful to Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, this CD is the perfect listening for your Christmas Dinner, and the perfect stocking stuffer for your friends and relations. With a price of \$20, the CDs are flying out the door!

Please see Philip Nicholls after the service to purchase, or email [pnicholls@stpaulscathedral.org.au](mailto:pnicholls@stpaulscathedral.org.au)



## READ THE BIBLE WITH US

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| 16 | Monday V/B<br>Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17<br>Ps 25.3-9<br>Matthew 21.23-27  | Ps 105.1-22 or Pss 70; 75<br>Isaiah 10.33 - 11.9<br>Mark 9.2-32                                | Ps 105.23-45 or Ps 44<br>Isaiah 11.10 - 12.6<br>Revelation 15                   |
| 17 | Tuesday V/B<br>Genesis 49.2, 8-10<br>Ps 72.1-7<br>Matthew 1.1-17  | Ps 106.1-24 or Ps 86<br>Isaiah 21<br>Mark 10.46 - 11.11  | Ps 106.25-50 or Ps 40<br>Isaiah 49.1-13<br>Revelation 19.1-10                   |
| 18 | Wednesday V/B<br>Jeremiah 23.5-8<br>Ps 72.15-21<br>Matthew 1.18-24  | Ps 107.1-22 or Ps 144<br>Isaiah 22.1-14<br>Mark 11.12-26                                       | Ps 107.23-43 or Ps 50<br>Isaiah 49.14-26<br>Revelation 19.11-21                 |
| 19 | Thursday V/B<br>Judges 13.2-7, 24-25<br>Ps 71.17-22<br>Luke 1.5-25  | Pss 110; 111 or Ps 18.1-31<br>Isaiah 22.15 - 23.7<br>Mark 11.27 - 12.12                        | Pss 112; 113 or Ps 80<br>Isaiah 50<br>Revelation 20.1-10                        |
| 20 | Friday V/B<br>Isaiah 7.10-14<br>Ps 24.1-6<br>Luke 1.28-38   | Pss 114; 115 or Pss 42; 43<br>Isaiah 23.8-18<br>Mark 12.13-27                                  | Pss 116; 117<br>or Pss 24; 89.5-18<br>Isaiah 51.1-10<br>Revelation 20.11 - 21.8 |
| 21 | Saturday <b>THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR</b> [ <i>May be observed on 3 July</i> ]<br>Proper Collect<br>Habakkuk 2.1-4<br>Ps 117<br>Ephesians 2.19-22<br>John 20.24-29 | Invitation, Preface, Post-Communion, Blessing [Saints]<br>Ps 34<br>Job 42.1-6<br>1 Peter 1.3-9 | Ps 92<br>2 Samuel 15.17-21<br>John 11.1-16                                      |

*Of the day [if Thomas is observed on 3 July] V/B*  
Song of Songs 2.8-14  
or Zephaniah 3.14-18  
Ps 33.17-21  
Luke 1.39-45

Pss 121; 122; 123  
or Pss 120; 121  
Isaiah 24.1-20  
Mark 12.28-40

Ps 119.129-152 or Ps 72  
Isaiah 51.11-23  
Revelation 21.9-21



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