
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

22nd December 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1.45.

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today.
Please take Communion, whatever your denomination.

If you are visiting, please make yourself known to
Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service
and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



For those who have children with them, there is a children's corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend 'Godzone' - Special Children's Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance Hymn: TIS 283 *“Long ago, prophets knew”*

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
when he comes,
when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid;
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.

Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
we will make him welcome.*

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

The lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

Jesus is our Way.

With Jesus even dark places are light;

Jesus is the Truth.

In Jesus we shall live for ever;

Jesus is our Life.

In this season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the things of darkness – selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression – shall be no more.

As four candles are lit:

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist, the third for Mary, and the fourth for us, as we join with them in looking for the coming of Jesus.

God will give you a sign, a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'. (Isaiah 7:14)

Gracious God, as you came to those who have gone before us, you come to us now in Jesus. Help us to recognise you in those around us and to care for our neighbours as we do for ourselves.

**Lord, by your presence
light up the past
that we might learn from it with thankfulness.**

**Light up the present
that we might live in it with love.**

**Light up the future
that we might prepare for it in hope.**

**As we watch and wait and pray
may we be always ready to encounter the Lord
who is ready and always with us. Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation:

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Two Great Commandments:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Invitation to Confession:

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession:

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution:

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray together for hope:

God of Hope

**You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world;
By your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Godzone blessing

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Micah 5.2-5a

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.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Mary

**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.

The second reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Consequently, 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 he said above, '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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: TiS 319 "Child in the manger"

**Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
Outcast and Stranger,
Lord of us all!
Child Who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
upon Him fall.**

**Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived here below;
now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer
see Him victorious
over each foe.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke, chapter 1, beginning at verse 39

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt 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 leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prophets foretold Him,
infant of wonder;
angels behold him
on His throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all our praises;
happy forever
are his own.**

Mary MacDonald 1789-1872

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

The Creed:

Let us stand together and affirm the faith of the church:

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Preparation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes
in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

Prayer of Approach:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace:

We are the body of Christ.

His spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: TiS 161 “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord”

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024 Based on Luke 1 46-55 in the English Bible

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who was looked for by the prophets,
heralded by the Baptist
announced by an angel,
born of the Virgin Mary,
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We thank you that when he shall come again
in power and great triumph to judge the world,
we may with joy behold his appearing,

and in confidence stand before him
who redeems us from sin and death
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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

**Blesséd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

The breaking of the bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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.**

Invitation to communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: "In the Bleak Midwinter" - Pop Up Choir

Prayer after Communion:

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn: *TiS 456* *"Your hand, O God, has guided"*

**Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page.
Your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord!**

**Your heralds brought tidings
to greatest and to least;
they bade them rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one church, one faith, one Lord!**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord**

**Your mercy will not fail us
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us
the victory shall be won.
And then by all creation
your name shall be adored;
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

Edward Hayes Plumptre 1821-91 alt

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christmas services:

Nine Lessons and Carols Service	Tonight - 22nd December at 7:00pm
Children's Christmas Service	24th December at 5:00pm
Midnight Mass	24th December at 11:30pm
Christmas Day	25th December - 9:30am
First Sunday after Christmas	29th December 8:00am & 9:30am
Epiphany of our Lord	5th January 2024 - 8:00 & 9:30am

All are welcome, and bring a friend/neighbour!

NOTICES

A big thank you to Anne Orchard for organising the “Pop up” choir, and to all who came to the practices and sang so well!

Nine Lessons and Carols Service: TONIGHT, at 7:00pm. Bring your family and friends and join us for the story of Christmas followed by a light supper.

Pat's Jams: Available today, this is the last time Pat is making her world-famous jams so get in quick!!

Incense will be used at the Christmas Midnight mass service on Tuesday.

The Wednesday 10:00am service is in recess, recommencing on 8th January 2024

Friday Cuppa & Chat is in recess, recommencing on 10th January 2024

Christmas bowl envelopes are in the pews, your generous support each year helps support so many people.

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WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

- *Sun 22* The Parish of St Eanswythe's, Altona w. St Clement's, Laverton (Kerry Davis); The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Vanessa Bennett, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Williamstown (Glenn Buijs); The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kazimba); St Augustine's Mentone – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St Michael's & St Luke's Dandenong – Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); Clyde North & Casey Dinka – Prayer service on new land (Bp Paul Barker); St Peter's Mornington – Carols service (Bp Paul Barker); The Melbourne Assessment Prison West Melbourne – Pastoral service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);

- *Mon 23* All Saints' Ascot Vale (vacant incumbency); The Diocese of Central Queensland (Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People); Melbourne Grammar School (Philip Grutzner, Principal; Hugh Kempster, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains);
- *Christmas Eve Tue 24* St Matthew's Ashburton (Kurian Peter); Examining Chaplains (Christopher Appleby, Rowan Callick, Simon Dickie, John Forsyth, Jane Freemantle, Keiron Jones, Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, Phillip Nicholls, Gail Pinchbeck, Yvonne Poon, Nigel Pope, Alexander Ross, Heather Schnagl, Audrey Statham, Dawn Treloar, Victor Yu); St Mark's Dromana – Christmas Eve service (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Cathedral – Christmas Eve service (Abp Philip Freier); St Thomas' Moonee Ponds – Christmas Eve service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);
- *Christmas Day Wed 25* Holy Trinity Bacchus Marsh (Andrew Gifford); The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People); Girls' Friendly Society (Alison Benfield, Chair); Anglican Parish of Mount Eliza – Christmas day service (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Cathedral – Christmas day service (Abp Philip Freier); St Thomas' Moonee Ponds – Christmas day service (Bp Genieve Blackwell);
- *Thu 26* Holy Trinity Balaclava & Elwood (Kathryn Watt); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People);
- *Fri 27* St Barnabas' Balwyn (Randle Bond, Kirsty Brown); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Mentone Girls' Grammar School (Natalie Charles, Principal);
- *Sat 28* Anglican Parish of Banyule (Denise Nicholls); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People).

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours and a compassionate outcome for all asylum seekers.

A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Pat Ludwick, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Barbara (Kalo's niece), Kalo, Peter Bedlow, Andrew Harding, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

Those at the Peter James Centre, Burwood Lodge and Calvary the Highbury.

Those in need who come to St Mark's Community Centre Fitzroy and Uniting East Burwood.

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings.

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

SAINTS AND HOLY MEN AND WOMEN FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday STEPHEN, DEACON AND FIRST MARTYR
Friday JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
Saturday HOLY INNOCENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Next Sunday: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.14-52

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Suzanne Seager & Pat Ludwick
Reader	Sue Tregear	Ros Smith
Server	Sue Tregear	Natalie Ortlieb
Liturgical Assistant		Christine Youings
Intercessions	Fr Anthony	Joy Ritchie
Music		Peter Bedlow
Morning Tea		Pat Eadon & Joy Ritchie
Sacristan	Judithe Atkinson	
Advent wreath	Cheryl Hall	
Printing	Ron McKenzie	

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Sunday 8:00am Eucharist
9:30am Eucharist
'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist

Friday 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

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Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au