

"Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope"

Do not fear. 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. Zephaniah 3.16-17.

## 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 201 "King of glory, King of peace"

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love thee;

and, that love may never cease,

I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

thou hast heard me;

thou didst note my working breast,

thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,

thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee: ev'n eternity's too short

to extol thee.

#### **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 Blessing and 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.

George Herbert 1593-1633

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 three candles are lit:

One candle to remind us of the prophets, the second for John the Baptist and the third for Mary, who gladly responded to the call of God.

I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; 'may it happen to me as you have said.' (Luke 1:38)

Startling God, we thank you for the joyful obedience of Mary. We ask you to fill us with your grace, so that we, too, may accept your call, and rejoice in your salvation.

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:

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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: Zephaniah 3.14-20

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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm A Song of Isaiah

'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.'

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:

proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:

let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

#### The second reading: Philippians 4.4-7

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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: TiS 270 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

### The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke, chapter 3, beginning at verse 7

### Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized 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 baptized, 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 baptize 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 baptize 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.

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

To him who left the throne of heaven to free us all, let praise be given; and praise be to the Father done, and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt.

### Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

#### 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.

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 590 "What a friend we have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear, What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer, O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Jesus is our only refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-1886 alt.

### 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:** "Sussex Carol" - 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 273 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending"

Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the sound of this refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him robed in awesome majesty; those who have betrayed and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply shamed before him, deeply shamed before him, deeply shamed before him 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, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Sing amen! let all adore you, high on your eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for your own; O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly; hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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### **Christmas services:**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols Service** 

24<sup>th</sup> December at 5:00pm Children's Christmas Service 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30pm **Midnight Mass** 25<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am **Christmas Day** 

First Sunday after Christmas 29th December 8:00am & 9:30am **Epiphany of our Lord** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - 8:00 & 9:30am

All are welcome!

#### **NOTICES**

Pop-up choir will sing the "Sussex Carol" in place of a post communion hymn in the 9.30am service this week. Final choir practice for the post communion hymn next Sunday starts as soon as possible after the conclusion of our 9.30am service. Aiming for 10 minutes!

Nine Lessons and Carols Service: Next Sunday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 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!!

Pat's Christmas Raffle: Pat Eadon has been busy preparing prizes for the Christmas raffle.

1<sup>st</sup> prize is her famous Christmas cake 2<sup>nd</sup> prize her equally famous Christmas pudding

3<sup>rd</sup> prize her award-winning mince pies

Tickets are available TODAY for \$1:00, please take a booklet or two with you. Can you please return the money/ticket stubs in an envelope and place in the collection bowl. The raffles will be drawn next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**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 15 Sojourners Church, Werribee (Andrew Seedhom, Mark Tibben); The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie

Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of The Yarra (Tim Johnson); The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa); Sojourners Church Werribee – Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd); St John's Healesville – Pastoral service (Bp Paul Barker); St Paul's Yarra Glen – Community Carols (Bp Paul Barker); Christ Church Essendon – Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier); St John's Blackburn – Confirmation service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Alfred's Blackburn North – Confirmation Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell); St Mary's Sunbury – Baptism, Confirmation and Reception service (Bp Brad Billings);

 Mon 16 St Thomas' Werribee (Gavin Hansford); The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People); University of Divinity (James McLaren, Vice-Chancellor

Tue 17 St Matthew's Wheelers Hill (Samantha White); The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Washbarill Clargy & Bagrle); Fourtening Afficing Committee

Weatherill, Clergy & People); Ecumenical Affairs Committee;

• Wed 18 Holy Trinity Williamstown (Elizabeth Murray); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion (EFAC) (Adam Cetrangolo, Chair);

Thu 19 Yarraville Anglican Parish (David Fuller); The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt

Brain, Clergy & People); Chaplain to Anglican Centre staff (Anne Wakeling);

• Fri 20 St Andrew's Aberfeldie (Michael Danaher); The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Jeremy Greaves, Asst Bps John Roundhill, Sarah Plowman, Cameron Venables); Melbourne Girls' Grammar School (Dr Toni Meath, Principal; Kirsty Ross, Chaplain); Dame Phyllis Frost Centre Deer Park - Pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd);

Sat 21 St Silas and St Anselm Albert Park (Sophia Watkins); The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People); Evangelism in the Diocese; All Saints' Kooyong –

Pastoral service (Abp Philip Freier);.

#### **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

Saturday THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Wednesday: Next Sunday: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 23.5-8 Micah 5.2-5a
Psalm 72.15-21 Song of Mary
Matthew 1.18-24 Hebrews 10.5-10
Luke 1.39-45

**ROSTERS:** 

**Printing** 

<u>8:00am</u> <u>9:30am</u>

Welcomers Sue Tregear Elizabeth Waite & Ros Smith

ReaderSue TregearSuzanne SeagerServerSue TregearChristine YouingsLiturgical AssistantJoanne WaiteIntercessionsFr AnthonyChloe Bedlow

IntercessionsFr AnthonyChloe BedlowMusicPeter Bedlow

Barrie Harding

**Godzone**Morning Tea

Natalie Ortlieb & Joy Ritchie
Barrie Harding & Ros Smith

Sacristan Sue Tregear
Advent wreath Sue Tregear



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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 pewsheet 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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