



WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST GEORGE
EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE



ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

5.00pm Evensong - The Christmas Bowl Appeal

Live streamed on YouTube and available later on Facebook

Officiant & Preacher: Fr. John Sanderson

Setting: Anglican Chant

Hymns: 192, 193, 200, 201

Anthem: Never whether beaten sail (Wood)

Postlude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* BWV 645
(J.S. Bach)

Organist: Roger Brown



EVENING SERVICE SHEET - PLEASE TAKE HOME

TODAY'S SERVICE

This service is incorporated into an occasional service at this parish church of St George, a service of Evensong, which follows the custom of churches with a great choral tradition, where much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. In those parts the congregation is invited to ordinarily make its offering of praise by responding to the beauty of the Choir's music. This service has been modified to accommodate restrictions imposed as a consequence of COVID-19.

After a welcome by the Vicar the service continues with responses sung by the cantors in place of the Choir. The roots of the Christian faith in the Old Testament are acknowledged by the singing of a Psalm and the reading of the First Lesson from the Old Testament. The Choir then sings Magnificat, the song of the Virgin Mary when she had received the promise of the birth of Jesus. The Second Lesson is from the New Testament, to which the cantors respond by singing Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon, when he saw the child Jesus and recognized in him the fulfilment of the promises to Israel. After an affirmation of faith in the Creed there are further sung prayers. This ends the formal service of Evensong. There follows hymns sung by cantors, prayers, and an Address, which are more directly addressed to this particular occasion.

This is a specifically Christian service in the Anglican tradition, as are all services at St George's, but it is hoped that members of other Christian bodies, those of other faiths, and all those of good will who are dedicated to the service of their fellow citizens will be able to find in it something that speaks to them and supports their aspirations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT *Es ist ein cos entrungen*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

We all sing the hymn during which the clergy, choir and servers move to their places.

THE HYMN: Hark! a herald voice is calling:

All remain standing for

THE WELCOME

The Reverend Canon John Sanderson, MA

The minister reads the sentences

The night is spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Romans 13.12

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3.2

The minister introduces the service

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

All kneel and pray

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desire
of our own hearts.**

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things

which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done;

and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

Restore thou them that are penitent;

according to thy promises declared unto mankind

in Christ Jesu our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.**

Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who desireth not the death of a sinner,

but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;

and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers

to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,

the absolution and remission of their sins;

he † pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent

and unfeignedly believe in his holy gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,

and his holy Spirit,

that those things may please him which we do at this present;

and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;

so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done,

in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

All remain kneeling. The Officiant and choir stand to sing

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

V O Lord, open Thou our lips.

R **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V † O God, make speed to save us.

R **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

R **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

V Praise ye the Lord.

R **The Lord's Name be praised.**

All sit. The choir sing

PSALM 80

Setting: Anglican Chant

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52.1-12

Here beginneth the first verse of the fifty-second chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion!
Put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for the uncircumcised and the unclean
shall enter you no more.
Shake yourself from the dust, rise up,
O captive Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter Zion!

For thus says the Lord: You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money. For thus says the Lord God: Long ago, my people went down into Egypt to reside there as aliens; the Assyrian, too, has oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what am I doing here, says the Lord, seeing that my people are taken away without cause? Their rulers howl, says the Lord, and continually, all day long, my name is

despised. Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore on that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing;
go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves,
you who carry the vessels of the Lord.
For you shall not go out in haste,
and you shall not go in flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.

Hear endeth the First Lesson.

All stand to sing the Office Hymn.

OFFICE HYMN: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

At the conclusion of the hymn the people remain standing as the choir sing the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55).

MAGNIFICAT

† MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good thing:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The people sit.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24.15-28

Here beginneth the fifteenth verse of the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

‘So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; someone on the housetop must not go down to take what is in the house; someone in the field must not turn back to get a coat. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if

those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, “Look! Here is the Messiah!” or “There he is!”—do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, “Look! He is in the wilderness”, do not go out. If they say, “Look! He is in the inner rooms”, do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Hear endeth the Second Lesson.

All stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

† LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

All remain standing and face the Altar to Chant

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

V I believe in God,

R **the Father Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth:

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary:

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

**He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost:
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins:
the resurrection of the body;
and the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

V The Lord be with you.

R **And with thy spirit.**

V Let us pray.

All sit or kneel.

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

V OUR Father,

R **which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

In earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall sing.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

V O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R **And grant us thy salvation.**

V O Lord, save the King.

R **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V O Lord, save thy people.

R **And bless thine inheritance.**

V Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

V O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R **And take not thy holy Spirit from us.**

The Priest sings the Collects.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ANTHEM: *Never weather beaten sail*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Parish Notices

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn

THE HYMN: Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

THE ADDRESS

The Vicar

All stand to sing

THE HYMN: Lo! he comes with clouds descending,

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

The clergy and choir depart

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The service is sung by the Choir of St George East Ivanhoe conducted by Mr Roger Brown, Director of Music. The Setting for the Service is Anglican chant.

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

Give Hope

Share God's love with a refugee going hungry this Christmas.

Since 1949, compassionate Christians like you have followed Rev Frank Byatt's legacy, coming together each Christmas across Australia and the world to provide safety in exile for people forced from their homes by conflict and disaster. Your gift through the Christmas Bowl will support local partners to meet urgent needs and help create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong. Gifts given through the Christmas Bowl will support local partners around the world to both meet urgent need and create change that lasts; equipping communities affected by conflict and disaster with the skills they need to solve their own problems and get back on their feet.

Where your gifts go

A hand up, not a hand out.

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