

St George's Cathedral
Anglican Diocese of Perth

The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 5 December 2021

10 o'clock
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*The setting of the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei is
Messe Basse — Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Entrance hymn



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

³For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

²Then cleansed be every breast
from sin;
make straight the way for
God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

⁴To heal the sick stretch
out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness
once more.

⁵All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*TEXT: Charles Coffin (1676–1749), translated by John Chandler (1808–76);
MUSIC: 'Winchester New', adapted from a chorale in 'Musicalisches Hand-Buch', Hamburg, 1690.*

Greeting & prayer of preparation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

We acknowledge the Noongar people
as the original custodians of this land.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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Confession & absolution

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.

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.

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.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Let us pray.

We pray in silence.

GOD OF OUR SALVATION, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. 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.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies :
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

TEXT: The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus, Luke 1:68–79).

Epistle

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

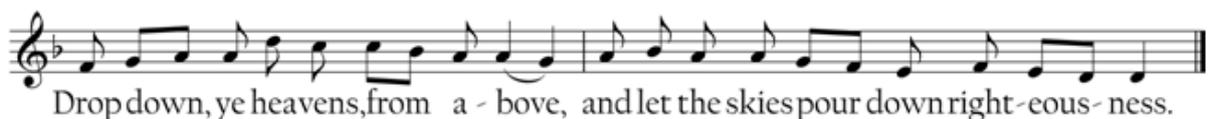
Philippians 1:1–11

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Thanks be to God.

Advent Prose

choir



Drop down, ye heavens, from a - bove, and let the skies pour down right - eous - ness.

all Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

choir 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.

all Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

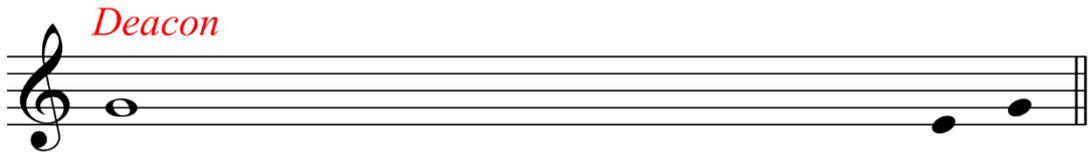
Gospel

Deacon *All*



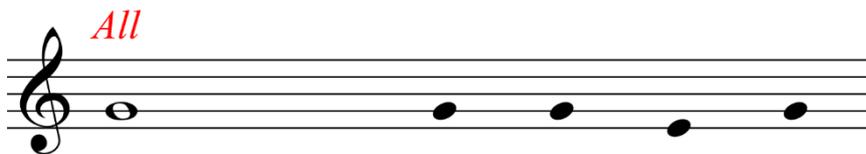
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Deacon



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All



Glory to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF EMPEROR TIBERIUS, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituræa and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God”.’

Luke 3:1-6

Deacon *All*



This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.**

Sermon

Given by Canon Dr Bill Leadbetter, Formation Student & Senior Lay Canon.

Nicene Creed

Let us together 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.

Prayers of the people

As we await the fulfilment of God's promise,
let us offer prayer to the Lord whose patience is our salvation.

We pray for the church, that it may herald the glad tidings of God's coming to gather and comfort all people. God of all, bless Archbishop Kay and Bishops Jeremy and Kate; and bless the mission and ministry of this cathedral; help the Dean, the Cathedral clergy, associate clergy and all who work and worship here as we celebrate Advent and Christmas, so that in our gathering we will proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We pray for the world, that its striving for peace may foreshadow the new heavens and the new earth where righteousness will be at home.

God of hope and peace, bring comfort to the victims of gun violence and their families, especially those at Oxford High School in Michigan. Help us end violence in our communities and worldwide, and especially gender-based violence. Give strength and hope to the people of Queensland, as they recover from flood and flooding rains.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We pray for oppressed people throughout the earth, that worldly pride may be brought low, the downtrodden lifted up, and the uneven ground levelled to become a highway for God's justice.

God, our friend and companion, bless the ones who face a lonely Christmas, separated from loved, ones and community. Give healing and hope to all who suffer due to the covid pandemic, for those who are afflicted, those who care for them, and for those who mourn. Bless the sick and homebound, and especially Ken, Lyn, Aida, Friederike, Paul, Richard, Milla, Percy, Darryl and Elizabeth, that through our ministry of care and communion, God may speak tenderly to them with a comfort that banishes fear.

Amen.

Come Lord Jesus.

We remember before you, those gone before us, especially Sheila Harrison, Brian McGowan and David Dalaitngu, and we give thanks for those whose Year's Mind falls this week: Charles Curtis, Marjorie Pollard, Robin Baddock, Paul Glanville, Trevor Silk, Noëlle Pigott and Edmund Davis. Bless and keep them Heavenly Father, that found without spot or blemish, they may receive from the Lord's hand the reward and recompense of life.

Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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.**

Please stand.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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



Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!

Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying,
‘where are ye all, ye virgins wise?

The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!

Alleluia!

The wedding song swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Alleluia!

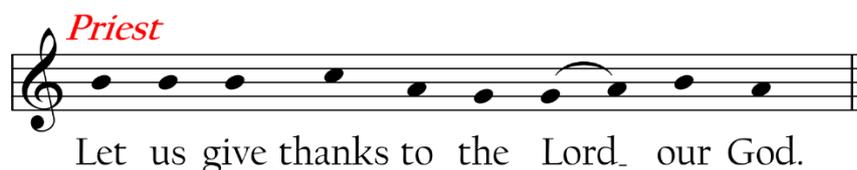
Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from earth and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluia!

Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

*TEXT: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608), translated by Francis Crawford Burkitt (1864–1935),
based on Matthew 25:1–13 and Revelation 19:6–9;
MUSIC: 'Wachet Auf', Melody by Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608),
adapted and harmonised by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750).*

The Great Thanksgiving



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 by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth;
pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua:
hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini:
hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord:
hosanna in the highest.*

Messe Basse, Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

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 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.'

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.

deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

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:



Bless - ing and hon - our and



glo - ry and power are_ yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Christ Church Mass, Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

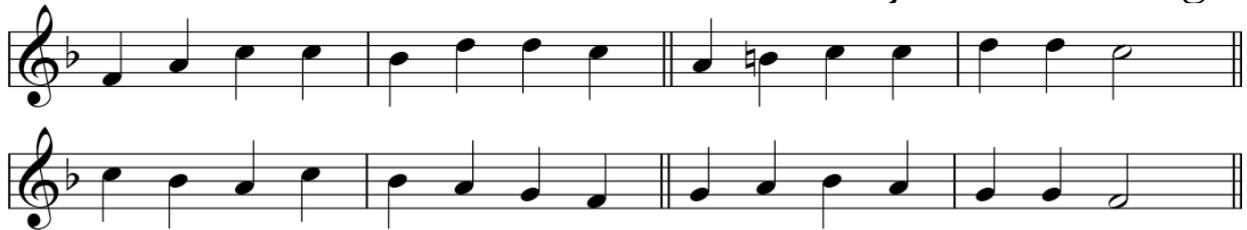
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Hymn of thanksgiving



Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh', we hear it say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day'.

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

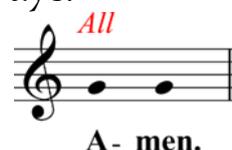
Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while eternal ages run.

TEXT: Latin, translated by Edward Caswall (1814–78);

MUSIC: 'Merton', William Henry Monk (1823–89).

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.



Dismissal

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

Organ voluntary

Fantasia in G major 'Pièce d'Orgue' BWV 572 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

EVERY SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
10.00am A Prayer Book for Australia Choral Eucharist
5.00pm Choral or Said Evensong (if there are Carols at 7.30pm)

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER

10.00am Children's Christmas Service

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Choral Eucharist
5.00pm Said Evensong
7.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER

7.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

7.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
11.00pm Midnight Mass: First Eucharist of Christmas

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER

8.00am Holy Eucharist with Carols
10.00am Choral Eucharist with Carols

A Gift of Flowers at Christmas

Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Luke 12:27

As Christmas approaches, the Cathedral welcomes contributions to help adorn its great space with floral tributes. Your gift, which can honour someone special, will share the joy and beauty of Christmas with everyone who visits the Cathedral during the season of renewal and hope.

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