

*The Anglican Parish of Christ Church,
St Kilda*



*We rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as Man.
When he comes again in glory,
may he reward us with endless life*

Advent Sunday

November 27th 2022

Parish Eucharist *9 a.m.*

Entrance and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel
to free your captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to save you, Israel.

O come, great Daystar, radiance bright,
and heal us with your glorious light.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice etc

Bless, O Lord, this Advent Wreath,
and grant that we who follow its lights may,
with the Prophets, Saint John the Baptist,
Saint Joseph and Saint Mary,
come to adore the Child of Bethlehem.

In the Name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

O Key of David's city, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads above,
protect us ever by your love.

Rejoice, rejoice etc

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who once appeared on Sinai's height,
and gave your faithful People law,
in all the splendour we adore.

Rejoice, rejoice etc

The Penitential Rite

In the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

Turn to us again, O God our Saviour, and show us your mercy:

(Cantor) Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us + our sins,
& bring us to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Appointed Prayer / Collect

Let us pray.

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 your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility;
that, on the Last Day,
when he comes again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal.
Through him who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word. (all sit)

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 121 (122)

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to the house of the Lord

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to the house of the Lord**

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to the house of the Lord**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to the house of the Lord**

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

**I rejoiced when I heard them say:
Let us go to the house of the Lord**

Second Reading

A reading from second letter of St Paul to the Church in Rome

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:11-14

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

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 does rise.
Now come, o precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Alleluia!
Let us prepare to follow there,
where in your supper we may share.
Every soul in you rejoices;
From men and from angelic voices
Be glory given to you alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
your presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels 'round your throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss which you bestow.
Alleluia!
Grant us to raise, to length of days,
the triumph chorus of your praise.

Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608 (Wachet Auf) NEH

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha! Even so, come, Jesus; come, Lord Jesus Christ.
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Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David his Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Maranatha! Even so, come, Jesus; come, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory + to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:37-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

Let us stand and 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 & the Son is worshipped & 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.

Prayer of the Faithful *(all sit or kneel)*

*Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer***

Greeting of peace *(All stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

The Offertory Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descending, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descends now from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High.

Liturgy of St James; French Carol (Picardy) NEH

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the Day,
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious Name,
forever 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.
Blessèd is he + who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[the Eucharistic Prayer continues]

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

[the Eucharistic Prayer continues]

..... in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing & honour & glory & power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 forever. 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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.**

Holy Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Those who are baptised in the Name of the Trinity,
and are communicant members of their own Churches,
are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit

Father,
may this Holy Communion
teach us to love heaven.
May its promise and hope
guide our way on earth.
**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.**

Dismissal Hymn

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us by your death on Calvary.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.

By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Charles Wesley; John Stainer (Cross of Jesus). NEH

Solemn Blessing

You believe that the Son of God once came to us;
you look for him to come again.

May his coming bring you the light of his holiness
and his blessing bring you freedom.

Amen.

May God make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope,
and untiring in love all the days of your life.

Amen.

You rejoice that our Redeemer came to live with us as Man.

When he comes again in glory,
may he reward you with endless life.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty:
the Father, the + Son & the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Intercession

For the Church:

In the Anglican Communion
we pray for Anglican Church in Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.
We hold in prayer Christian people under persecution.
We pray for all missionary agencies of the Church.
In this Diocese, for Philip our Archbishop, his Regional bishops and Archdeacons,
for this Parish of St. Kilda - for our Locum, the Parish Council and our congregation.

For the World:

that the vision of the Prince of Peace may inspire world leaders;
that people everywhere may enjoy religious freedom, security and peace.

For the Community:

We pray for those who continue to suffer
as the result of the unseasonal weather;
we pray for the new government of this State
and for an authentic respect for the well-being of all citizens.;
for the neglected and rejected in our society.

For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre
(for all volunteers & the Management Committee).

For the Sick: for John (often sleeps on-site), Joe (from Acland Grange), Ruaumoko, Robert, Charles, Harley, Clementine, Beatrice, Andre, Aaron, Kathryn, Danny Allan, Byron, Elizabeth, Jo, Henry, Sam, Hugh, Bridget, Mary & Brian and their carers, David, Leigh, Helen, Jeremy, Danni, Joan & Henry, and their carers, David, Guadalupe De Alba, Sergio De Alba, Wendy, Fr Andrew, Graeme, Evan, Isabel, Peter, Ron, Stephen & for those we name in our hearts

The Communion of Saints:

With the universal Church, we honour and invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis Xavier, missionary, St John Damascene, theologian.

For the Departed:

those who have died as the result of violence; those who have died recently:
& those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time

Rest eternal grant + them, good Lord, & let everlasting light shine upon them

***Today,
our Eucharist for the beginning
of the new Liturgical Year
will be followed by the Annual Meeting.***

**Next Wednesday November 30
Saint Andrew's Day**
marks the 50th anniversary
of Fr Ken's ordination to the priesthood.
There will be a Eucharist in the church at 11 a.m.
followed by drinks in the Community Centre.

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