

*The Anglican Parish of Christ Church,
St Kilda*



In due course John the Baptist appeared.....

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th 2022

Parish Eucharist

9 a.m.

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

*People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations,
and your hearts will exalt to hear his majestic voice.*

The Penitential Rite

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

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel,
you came into the world to bring peace to all God's people:
(Cantor) Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you are the light of the world
who breaks the darkness of sin and death:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, your coming opens the way to eternal life:
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.

God of power and mercy,
open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy,
so that we may share his wisdom
and become one with him when he comes in glory,
for he 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

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,

on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
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O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place:

For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Romans 15:4-9

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

Gradual Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,

and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Saviour, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.

O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Charles Coppin; German Chorale (Winchester New) NEH

Gospel Acclamation

Maranatha! Even so, come, Jesus; come, Lord Jesus Christ.
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Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all mankind shall see the salvation of God
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

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

*A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Matthew 3:1-12

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

God everlasting, wonderful, and holy,
Father most gracious, we who stand before you
here at your altar, as your Son has taught us, come to adore you.

Countless the mercies you have lavished on us,
source of all blessings to all creatures living;
to you we render, for your love o'erflowing, humble thanksgiving.

Now in remembrance of our great Redeemer,
dying on Calvary, rising and ascending,
through him we offer what he ever offers, sinners befriending.

Strength to the living, rest to the departed,
grant, Holy Father, through this pure oblation:
may the life-giving bread for ever bring us health and salvation.

Harold Riley; Poitiers Antiphoner (Iste Confessor 2) 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

*Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights,
and see the joy that is coming to you from God.*

Father, you give us food from heaven.
By our sharing in this holy mystery,
teach us to judge wisely the things of earth,
and to love the things of heaven.

**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

The voice of God goes out through all the world:
God's glory speaks across the universe.

The great King's herald cries from star to star:
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

The Lord has said: "Receive my messenger,
My promise to the world, my pledge made flesh,

A lamp to ev'ry nation, light from light:
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

The broken reed he will not trample down,
Nor set his heel upon the dying flame,
He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
He comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
To show the face of justice to the poor:
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held,
The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing,
And pris'ners laugh in light and liberty:
With pow'r, with justice, Christ will walk his way.

Luke Connaughton; W.H.Monk (Eventide) NEH

Advent Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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 the Episcopal, Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

We hold in prayer Christian people under persecution.

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, Fr Ken Hewlett & for those we name in our hearts

The Communion of Saints:

With the universal Church, we honour and invoke the Blessèd Virgin Mary, whose conception we celebrate this Thursday; St John the Baptist, Forerunner of the Christ; St Nicholas, bishop and philanthropist; St Ambrose, bishop and teacher.

For the Departed:

those who have died as the result of violence; those who have died recently: Betty Moss

& those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time: Joan Baldwin, Léopoldine Furtado.

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

***Next Saturday Morning, December 10,
pre-Christmass cleaning of the church
9 a.m. - 12 noon***

***Sunday December 18
Parish Eucharist at 9 a.m.
Service of Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m.***

Parish Directory

While the Locum is away, please leave your message and your contact number
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