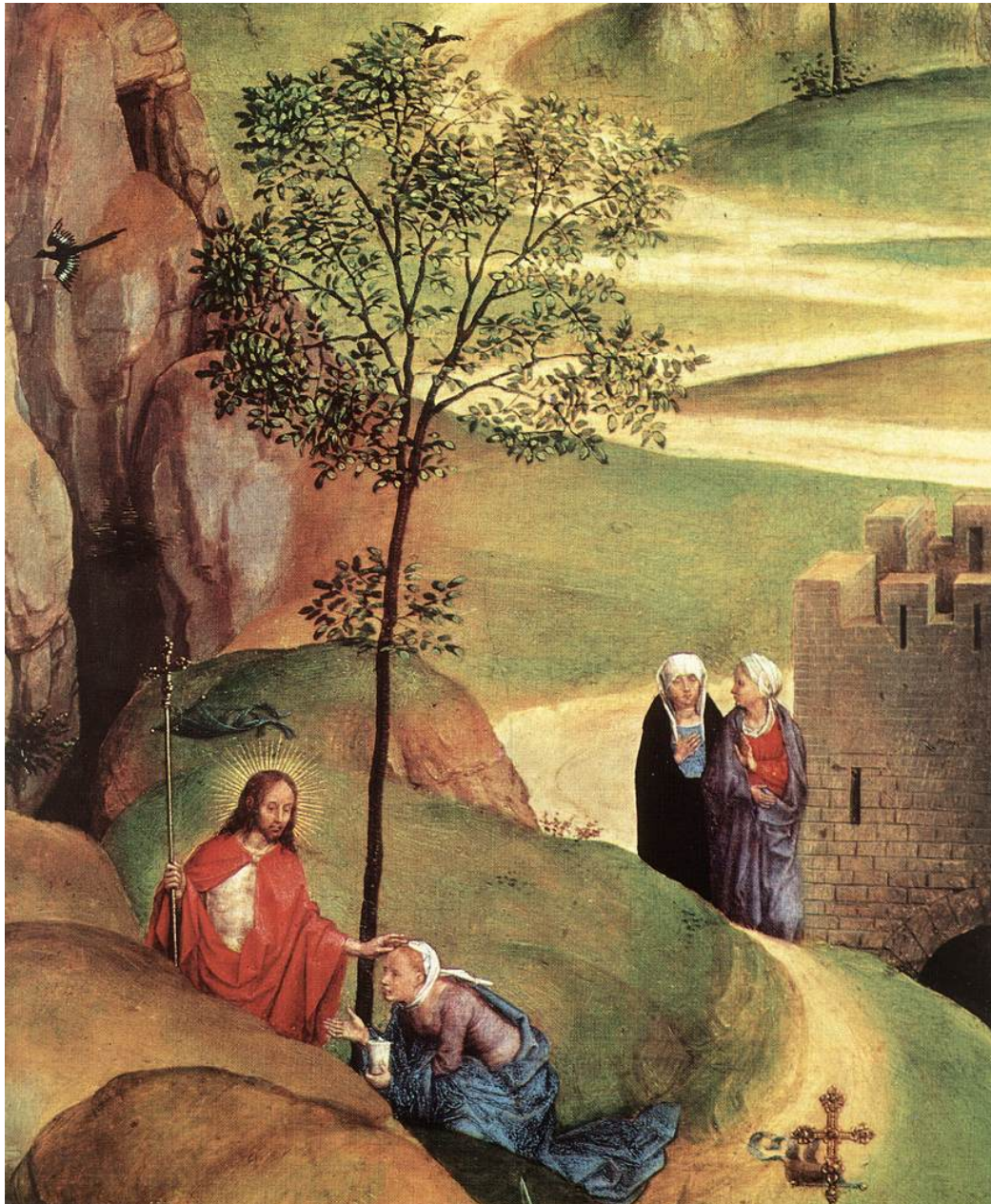




ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
EST. 1859



The First Sunday of Advent

27th of November, 2022

Welcome

On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859. We are part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

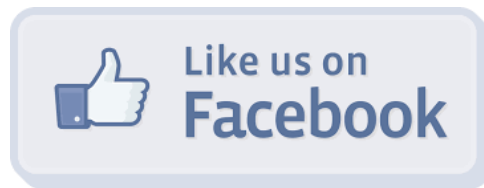
Regular services of worship are held each Sunday at 8am and 10am, and Wednesday at 7pm. All are welcome. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting Churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of God, please speak with one of the clergy.

If you're visiting for the first time please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.



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Cover Image

Hans Memling, *Advent and Triumph of Christ* (detail) 1480,
Oil on wood, Alte Pinakothek, Munich.

The Church

The church is decorated in purple for Advent, and shall thus remain so until Christmas. Flowers are removed and bare Christmas trees and wreaths decorate the church. They remain bare until Christmas Eve when, with the help of volunteers, we dress them for the grand celebrations of Christmas. In that way they are a pointer to Christmas and a reminder of the need to prepare for the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

As you enter the church, please ensure your phone is silent. Please also use the time before the service for prayer and quiet reflection and allow others to do the same. We stand as the clergy enter.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

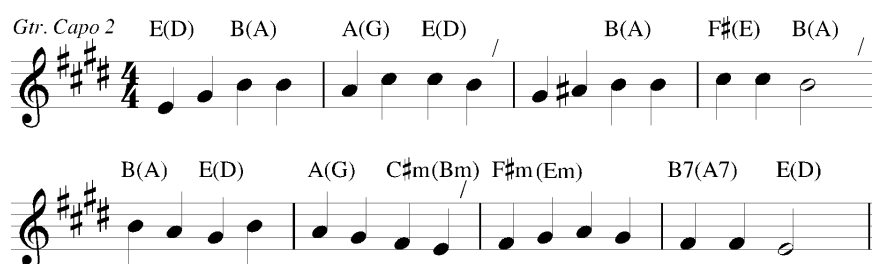
The First Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit, and the following prayer prayed

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs and matriarchs of old, you are our God too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit and to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN 'Hark, a herald voice is calling' *at 8am, verses 1 and 4 only*



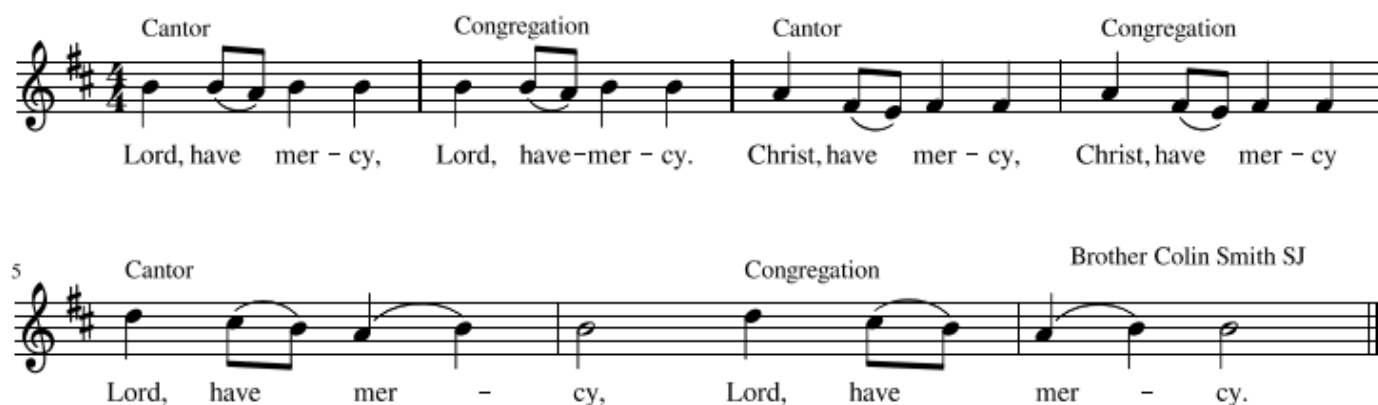
1. Hark! a herald voice is calling:
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,
'cast away the dreams of
darkness,
waken, children of the day!'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth
dispelling
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon now from
heav'n;
let us meet him with repentance,
pray that we may be forgiv'n.
4. So when love comes forth in
judgment,
debts and doubts and wrongs to
clear,
faithful may he find his servants
watching till the dawn appear.

Anon., Latin ?6th cent. *tr.* Edward Caswall
1814-78 and others

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 *said at 8am and sung at 10am*



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains four measures: Cantor (Lord, have mer - cy,), Congregation (Lord, have - mer - cy.), Cantor (Christ, have mer - cy,), and Congregation (Christ, have mer - cy). The second staff starts with a measure number '5' and contains two measures: Cantor (Lord, have mer - cy,) and Congregation (Lord, have mer - cy.). The notation includes treble clefs, key signatures, and lyrics written below the notes.

CONFESSION

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence is kept

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.

ABSOLUTION *Here absolution is pronounced by the celebrant*

TRISAGION *said together*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:

renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

AT 10AM, THE CHILDREN'S ADDRESS *Any children present are invited to the chancel step*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1-5 *at 8am read by Dougal Colhoun; at 10am by Michael Kirwan*

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, '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.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

THE PSALM Psalm 122 *said together at 8am and sung by the choir at 10am*

¹ I was glad when they said to me:

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

² And now our feet are standing:

within your gates, O Jerusalem;

³ Jerusalem which is built as a city:

where the pilgrims gather in unity.

⁴ There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:

as he commanded Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ There are set thrones of judgement:

the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

may those who love you prosper.

- ⁷ Peace be within your walls:
and prosperity in your palaces.
- ⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions:
I will pray that peace be with you.
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
I will seek for your good.

THE SECOND READING Romans 13.9-14 *at 8am read by Molly Bull; at 10am by James Griffith*

⁹The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Please stand, if you are able, for the hymn and/or the Gospel reading

AT 10AM, THE GOSPEL HYMN 'O bless the God of Israel'



1. O bless the God of Israel
who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us,
with love for all to see.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release:
God shall fulfil his promise
and bring our people peace.
2. He comes! the Child of David,
the Son whom God has given;
he comes to live among us
and raise us up to heaven:
before him goes his servant —
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the herald of the Day.

3. Where once were fear and
darkness
the sun begins to rise —
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour
with songs that never cease.

Luke 1:68-79

Words: Michael Arnold Perry 1942-96

Music: Hal H. Hopson

We turn and face the Gospel as it is read

THE GOSPEL Matthew 24.36-44

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

THE SERMON The Assistant Priest, The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch

AT 10AM, THE ANTHEM *How beautiful upon the mountains [Isaiah 52:7]*

John Stainer (1840–1901)

THE NICENE CREED *said together, standing*

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *at 8am, led by Brenda Mouritz; at 10am, led by Keith Beecher*

The Prayers end with the following

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.

PARISH NOTICES

THE GREETING OF PEACE *standing*

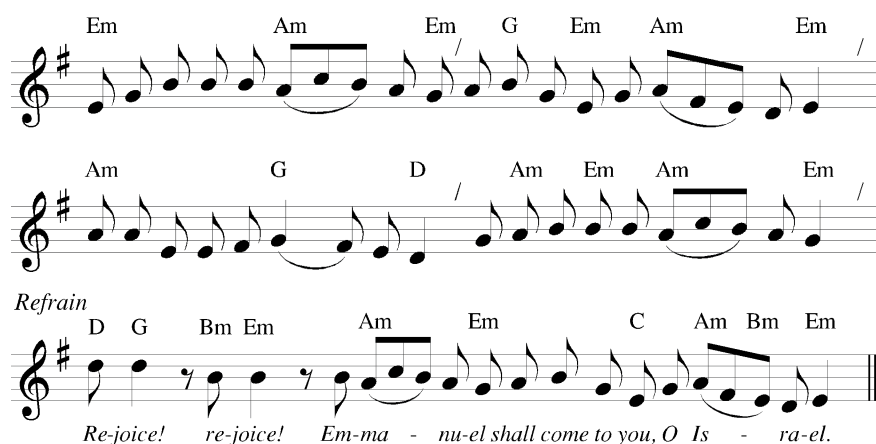
We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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

All share with each other a 'COVIDsafe' sign of peace

OFFERTORY A monetary collection for the life and ministry of St. John's is taken here. You may give by contributing to the brass collection plate, at the paypoint at the rear of the church, or by prior arrangement with the parish office.

OFFERTORY HYMN 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'



1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O
Israel.*

2. O come, O come, great Lord of
might
who to the tribes on Sinai's
height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! rejoice! ...

3. O come, O key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly
home;
make safe the way that leads on
high
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! rejoice! ...

4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people
save
and give them victory o'er the
grave.
Rejoice! rejoice! ...

5. O come, O dayspring, come and
cheer
our spirits by your advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of
night
and death's dark shadows put to
flight.
Rejoice! rejoice! ...

Anon., Latin, 18th cent. or earlier based on
Antiphons from 9th cent. or earlier
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt.

PRAYERS FOR RECEIVING THE OFFERTORY

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 *All remain standing*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

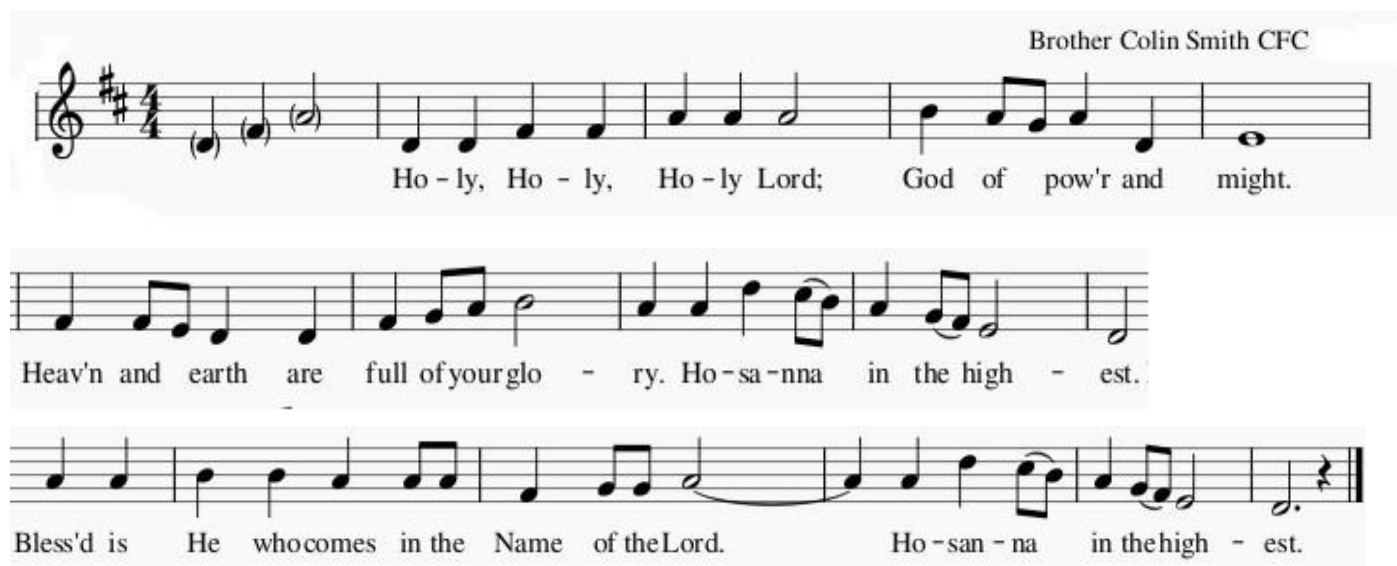
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues to the following

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/singing:

Brother Colin Smith CFC



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

Bless'd is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



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

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following

... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.



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.

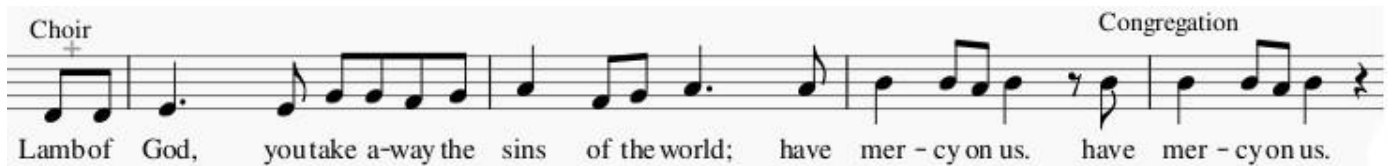
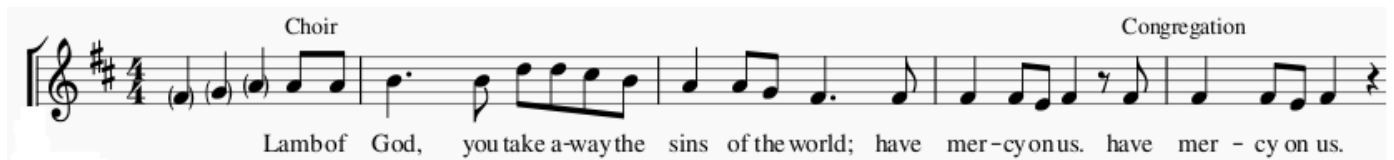
AGNUS DEI at 8am said together, at 10am sung together, kneeling or standing

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.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is given in both kinds, consecrated bread and wine. The wine is served for intinction (for dipping of the wafer) only. If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire to do so by keeping your arms behind your back. If you wish for communion to be given to you in your pew, please advise an usher or another member of the congregation who will alert the clergy.

Text: Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *which ends with*

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.

FINAL HYMN 'Wake, awake! For the night is flying' *at 8am verses 1 & 3*

1 'Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,' the
watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, 'A -
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!' Mid-night hears the wel-come
voi - ces, and at the rou - sing cry re - joi -
ces: 'Where are you, all you vir - gins wise? The
bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your light - ed lamps then
take. Hal - le - lu - jah! With joy pre - pare to -
meet him there; the roy - al wed - ding feast is near.

1. 'Wake, awake, for night is flying,'
the watchmen on the heights are
crying,
'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'
Midnight hears the welcome
voices,
and at the rousing cry rejoices:
'Where are you, all you virgins
wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lighted lamps then take.
Hallelujah!
With joy prepare
to meet him there;
the royal wedding feast is near.'

2. Zion hears the watchmen
singing,
and in her heart new joy is
springing;
she wakes, she rises from her
gloom.
For her Lord now comes
all-glorious,
and strong in grace, in truth
victorious;
her star has risen, her light has
come.
Now come, O precious crown,

Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail, hosanna!
O lead us all
into the hall
where you provide your joyful
meal.

3. Now let all the heavens adore
you,
and saints and angels sing before
you
with harp and cymbal's joyful
tone.
Gates of pearl in heaven are
shining;
there, with the angel-choir
combining,
we gather round your radiant
throne.
No eye has seen that sight,
no ear heard such delight.
What rejoicing!
Yet there will we
eternally
with songs acclaim your majesty.

Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608 *tr.* Catherine
Winkworth 1827-78 *alt*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

JS Bach (1686-1750)

As the postlude is played, please remain seated or leave quietly



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ADVENT

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (Latin *adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

‘Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty.’ (Charles Wesley)

The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains ‘Our Lord, come.’ (1 Corinthians 16.22). Purple is the traditional liturgical colour, the colour of the light at dawn. The church is decorated with purple and with bare wreaths and trees in preparation for Christmas. The tradition of lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice across the Anglican Communion. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or ‘Rose Sunday’), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great ‘O’ Antiphons, which continues to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

The Advent Wreath has three purple candles and one pink candle in a ring around a white candle. The three purple candles reflect the liturgical colour for Advent, with the pink candle for the Third Sunday (‘*gaudete*’ Sunday), when rose-pink vestments are traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day. There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle; the most popular (and indeed most helpful) is the following: On Advent 1 the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of the Church are remembered; on Advent 2, the Prophets; on Advent 3, John the Baptist; on Advent 4, The Virgin Mary, and on Christmas Day, Jesus the Christ. Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. ‘The Patriarchs and Matriarchs’ naturally focus on Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. ‘The Prophets’ gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was ‘foretold’. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

Congratulations to our Assistant Curate, The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

Lydia was ordained a priest in the Church of God yesterday! Her first celebrations of the eucharist are today, The First Sunday of Advent, at the 8am and 10am Services. We welcome her family to church, especially her father Thangadurai Kandaswamynadar, her mother Mallika Sarah Thangadurai, her sister Selena Thangadurai, her Brother-in-law Anand Kannan and her brother, John Thomas

Thangadurai. To celebrate with her, her family and the church of God, please join us for a special morning tea after the 10am service, in the hall.

'Music to Gladden the Soul,' Today, at 3pm

A concert of beautiful instrumental and vocal music in support of Unity AgeWell's Music for David program. Includes works by Mozart, Liszt, Gounod, Tosti, Enescu, Lysenko and our parishioner Sam Hartley. On Sunday 27 November at 3pm, at North Balwyn Uniting Church, North Balwyn. Admission: \$30 / \$25 concession. For further details see the flyer in the narthex.

Advent Quiet Morning, Saturday December 3, 10am-1pm

Waiting Expectantly in Hope

In St John's Church and garden, led by The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch.

Advent is a season of four Sundays of preparation for the great festival of the nativity of Christ - Christmas. The word Advent means coming. In Advent we anticipate even more than the coming of a summertime baby! Advent recalls us to God's comings in the past, God's promise to shape the *future*, and God's imprint on the *present*. We look back to the beginning, and look forward to the end, in order that we may live more authentically *now*. We need Advent to prepare ourselves to make room for Christ in us - no easy task at this time of the year when our culture is already celebrating Christmas, and preparing to go on holidays! The Quiet Morning will commence with a brief Morning Prayer and then offer three short guided reflections interspersed with silent reflection in which participants can find a quiet space in the church or garden in which to reflect. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. Or write your name <https://forms.gle/mLj9iGXs54EJNWH9> Morning Tea provided. All welcome.



A Christmas Carol Soiree, Saturday December 10, 7pm - 9 pm.

You are invited to a night of drama and Christmas fare in the St John's Parish Hall on Saturday December 10. An abridged version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be performed by Wendy Crouch followed by supper. For catering purposes please indicate your attendance on the sheet in the narthex. All welcome, including family and friends. The door entry fee is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds to go to the Richmond Churches Food Centre. Further information leaflets and sign up sheet are in the narthex or contact the Parish Office.

<https://forms.gle/XSikvkuVtz2Di2696>

Darnlee Carol Singing, December 6, 1pm

This year, carol singing will be from 1pm Tuesday 6 December at Blue Cross Darnlee Aged Care, 33 Lansell Road, Toorak. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please contact Lydia at curate@saintjohnstoorak.org. All levels of singing ability are welcome!

NOTICES

Morning Tea after the 10am Service

Everyone is welcome to morning tea in the Church Hall following the 10am Service, A donation is appreciated to support its cost.

Annual Meeting Elections and Appointments

At our Annual Meeting last Sunday, 20 November, the following members of our church were elected to our Parish Council: Michael Kirwan, Anthony Mannering (also as a Warden), Jess Hall, Adriaan den Dulk, Craig Cooper, Vivienne Brown and Harrison Young. I have appointed Amanda Bagot as Vicar's Warden, and Diana Dunlop and Dougal Colhoun as members of Council. Alongwith Jess Hall, Cam Johnston has been elected to the Incumbency Committee.

Safe Ministry Training Program for all church volunteers

Thank you to those who have completed the Safe Ministry training courses. If you are a volunteer, or would like to be a volunteer at St. John's then you must complete the Level 1 course. The Diocesan Safe Ministry Online Training has moved to a new online training platform and can be accessed from here

<https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-melbourne-online-training/>

Pastoral Care

Clergy and members of the St John's Pastoral Care Team offer pastoral care on a regular basis to parishioners as well as to those who specifically request it. This may include Home Communion. They also visit local hospitals at the request of patients, family, friends or staff with the consent of the recipient. Clergy and Lay Pastoral Carers visit a number of local Aged Care facilities on a regular, usually monthly, basis. Parishioners and others are welcome to phone the church office to arrange a home visit by the clergy or a lay pastoral carer. Those who are no longer able to attend usual services at the church are visited on a regular basis at time intervals that suit them.

Covid Safety Measures, Zoom Link and Communion Instructions

It is recommended that we continue to wear masks, to physically distance and to avoid physical contact with each other. Our regular 10am Sunday service is streamed via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81091944551?pwd=VGp0QlZLMdhhcXdxYXptUDFES2J5dz09> Meeting ID: 810 9194 4551 Passcode: 789184

Communion will still be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) *but the wine for intinction only*. Please ensure that you dip only the wafer into the consecrated wine (and not your fingers!) Those who do not wish to receive the wine may simply not do so. Those requesting a blessing should ask the clergy at the communion rail.

Sunday School

If you are between the ages of 3-12, come join the fun learning at Sunday School during the 10am service each Sunday during school term. We encourage parents to bring their children to the 10am service, who will then gather in the Whitney King Room in the Church Hall, for the middle part of the service. The trained and child-safety certified Sunday School teachers will lead exciting activities, songs, crafts, games and stories. For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 9826 1434, or at enquiries@saintjohnstoorak.org.

Donating to Food for Friends

Please see flyer at the back of this pewsheet, in regard to donating to this year's appeal.

Toorak Op Shop Needs Volunteers!

Our Op Shop needs volunteers to staff the shop during weekdays. Please contact the Office if you are able to give of your time in supporting the many emergency and homeless services our Op Shop supports. Please speak with current Op Shop volunteers Amanda Bagot, Julie Osbourne, Jane Anderson or Eissa Kartalae, or the clergy, for more details.

Contribute to Worship Services

All our ministries at St John's are supported by our volunteers. If you would like to assist with any duties please contact the parish office or fill in the roster form. The roster availability form for November and December is [here](https://forms.gle/CZKyTCf1rWJqnJHG9) <https://forms.gle/CZKyTCf1rWJqnJHG9> Rosters for November and December - [November & December 2022 8am & 10am \(1\).pdf](https://forms.gle/CZKyTCf1rWJqnJHG9)

The Melbourne Anglican (TMA)

The link to the latest edition of TMA is [here](#). The link to the November Prayer Diary is [here](#).

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be sent to prayers@saintjohnstoorak.org. The clergy check emails for prayer requests daily, and pray in solidarity with anyone who would like prayers said for them.

Clergy Days Off

Our clergy have one regular day off per week. Our Assistant Curate Lydia has Monday and Vicar Peter has Friday. Wendy works Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday only. Please respect their time away from work and unless in an emergency, please refrain from telephoning, texting, visiting the Vicarage, or emailing them on these days. Thank you.

Support St. John's

Your support of St. John's is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made directly to: St. John's Anglican Church General Account, Westpac, 509 Toorak Road, Toorak, Victoria, 3142, Australia. Account Name is St. John's Anglican Church. BSB is 033 086. Account No. is 871931. For international transfers please include SWIFT code WPACAU2S.

MUSIC COMMENTARY

This Sunday we move to parts of Mass Shalom by Colin Smith SJ. "Originally composed in 1977 and one of the only Australian Mass settings popular before the revision of the English translation of the Mass to be reworked for the 2010 translation. As Colin had died some five years earlier, the revisions were the work of Paul Mason." (Wiki) Colin was the Director of The John Paul Singers, a Catholic sacred choir formed for the Papal Visit of Pope John Paul II.

ART COMMENTARY

In the 1480's Memling was at the peak of his abilities and his output had grown to such an extent that we must suppose that he not only worked quickly and efficiently, but that he also had assistants. The latter might have applied the first layers of colour to the drawing or might even have executed background figures or trees and plants in the style of the master. The input of journeymen is generally impossible to distinguish because it merges imperceptibly into the uniformity of the finished product. The Advent and Triumph of Christ, for instance, which measures two metres across and was completed in 1480, displays consistent painterly virtuosity and dazzling colour from corner to corner. Wrongly interpreted as the Seven Joys of the Virgin, it consists of a biblical world landscape in which the story of the Salvation is set in an ingenious narrative and spatial manner, linked syntactically by the procession of the Magi as they cross the picture plane. It is the joyful counterpart to the earlier Scenes from the Passion of Christ in Turin, and is conceived in a similar continuous narrative manner.

The painting was destined for the altar of the Tanners' guild in the most easterly chapel of Our Lady's Church in Bruges. It was donated by Pieter Bultinc, 'tanner and merchant', and his wife Katelyne van Ryebeke, as recorded on the old frame, which survived until the end of the eighteenth century.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People); University of Divinity (Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor); St Matthias' Richmond (Yvonne Poon); St Stephen's Bayswater – Pastoral visit (Bp Paul Barker); Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); St Silas' & St Anselm Albert Park – Pastoral Service (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

For those who lead us in Government: His Majesty King Charles III; Governor General David Hurley AC; Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Federal Member of Parliament for Division of Higgins, Dr. Michelle Ananda-Rajah; Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: For Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

For The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For The Anglican Board of Mission, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, and Anglicare.

For those celebrating birthdays: Stella Jongebreur on Sunday; Brenda Mouritz on Wednesday.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; and Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack.

For the sick and all in need: Rosie Creswell; Gwen; Jean James; Lachie Sullivan; Mary; Samantha; Mike; Tracey; Sam; Stella Jongebreur; Bruce Fordham; James; Sam; Sylvia; Annette, Margaret and David Jones; and Nichole Garnaut.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Beverley Joyce; Val Hurst; Gordon Kennett; Anne Myers; Elizabeth Johnson; and, Claire.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Pamela Garrison; Jennifer Henderson; Philip Strang; Sir Thomas North; Robert Van Valzah; Lorna Mirfield; Diana Hardy; Lauren West.

For those who have died and their families and friends who mourn them: Frederick and Hazel Sherratt; Wendy McLaren; and, Teri Lawrence, former parishioner, who died in Queensland aged 101.



***You are invited to a night of drama and
Christmas fare at St John's Toorak Parish
Hall at 7pm on Saturday 10th December***

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Charles Dickens

Performed by Wendy Crouch

***And accompanied by 'smoking bishop'* and Christmas
treats***

****Mulled wine***

Other beverages available

\$10 entry fee



St John's Anglican Church Toorak



FOOD for FRIENDS in COVID TIMES 2022 APPEAL

Again this year, we are unable to do our usual Supermarket collections.

So, as we did for the last two years, with remarkable success, we are asking for financial donations once again.

This money raised will be spent during the year on food supplies for the various nominated agencies. This has proved to be very successful as the agencies are experiencing increasing demand, throughout the year not just at Christmas time, for their services as inflation continues to contribute to the rising cost of living.

So, please consider donating to

The Toorak Ecumenical Fund - CBA Toorak

BSB: 063 177
ACC: 1002 6147.

Please mark it F for F.



No receipts will be issued. Thank you for your support.

The agencies we assisted this year were:

Christ Church Mission, St Kilda

St Joseph's, Sth Yarra.

Prahran Mission

Richmond Churches Food Bank.

Aboriginal Catholic Mission

Church of All Nations

Brotherhood of St Laurence.

MacKillop Family Services

St Mark's, Fitzroy.

John Pierce Centre for the Deaf

This Week

SUNDAY, 27 November

8am & 10am services First celebration of the eucharist by our Assistant Curate, Lydia.
11am Special morning tea in the hall to follow
12.30pm Baptism of Isla Howe;
Madeline and Annabelle Reed

MONDAY, 28 November

2pm Memorial Service & Interment of Ashes of Frederick and Hazel Sherratt

WEDNESDAY, 30 November

7pm Eucharist, Angel Chapel

SATURDAY, 2 December

10am Advent Quiet Morning, led by the Revd Dr Wendy Crouch, St John's Church and Gardens.

Next Sunday, 4 December

The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Said Eucharist

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10, Brenda Mouritz
Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13, Ted Mouritz
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12
Intercessor: Brenda Mouritz
Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai

10am Sung Eucharist

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10, Keith Beecher
Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13, Volunteer required
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12
Intercessor: Jenny Smith
Preacher: The Revd Dr Wendy Crouch
Celebrant: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai
Morning tea: Celia Langford & Fiona Singleton



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