



Anglican Parish of
St Luke

Mosman

Advent 2

“Comfort, Strength, Promise”



Said Eucharist

6 December 2020

9am

Please pray for...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parish of North Sydney

Local churches: Parish of St Luke's Mosman; clergy and people

Missions 2020

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;

Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,

The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;

The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick:

Ann Neill

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh,

Keren Snell, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas,

Eileen Menzies, Mary Douglas, Liam Gorman, Rosemary Walsh, Anthony Bowra,

Barbara Fisher, Elke Kroeger-Radcliffe, Dallas Ford, David Park

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Ruth Burleigh, Richard Lloyd, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth,

Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Dorothy Bashford, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks,

Denis Pearson

Gathering of God's People

Please remain seated throughout the service.

Introit: Advent Antiphons - O Root of Jesse & O Key of David (Plainchant)

*O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations;
Kings will keep silence before you for whom the nations long;
Come and save us and delay no longer.*

*O key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
You open and none can shut; you shut and none can open:
Come and free the captives from prison, and break down the walls of death.*

Greeting

✠Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Advent Wreath

The Presider says:

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us the good news of your power and love.

**All: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts this Advent
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.
[Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a]

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray.

**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.**

The Kyries *The Balmoral Setting (Callum A. Close)*

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

Invitation to Confession and Absolution

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

Silence

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.**

The Collect

Merciful God,
You sent your messengers the prophets
To preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
That we may greet with joy
The coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

David Park

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

[Isaiah 40.1-11]

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-13 (Chant: C. V. Stanford)

*O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people:
And covered all their sin.
I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
For he will speak peace to his people,
To his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together:
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will also give us all that is good:
And our land shall yield its plenty.
For righteousness shall go before him:
And tread the path before his feet.*

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

[2 Peter 3.8-15a]

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
Prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight:
John baptized with water, but our Redeemer baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark, Chapter 1,
beginning at the 1st verse.

✠Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’ ”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

[Mark 1.1-8]

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

The Sermon - The Rector

The Creed

Let us join together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 Community

Ros Amor

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Response after each segment of prayers

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

After the last petition

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please do not physically exchange the Peace.

The Presider continues

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

The Sursum Corda

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 Presider continues

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 was looked for by the prophets,
Heralded by the Baptist,
announced by an angel,
born of the Virgin Mary
and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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, 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 you 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.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

✠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:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
Are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 and the Communion

The Presider breaks the bread and says

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 Agnus Dei

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.

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Communion will now be administered to the congregation.

Please remain seated.

Communion Anthem

Advent Wreath Prayer 2 (Malcolm Archer b.1952)

Blessed are you Sovereign Lord, just and true:

To you be praise and glory for ever!

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets

But in our days you speak through your son,

Whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light

That we may be found ready and watching

When he comes again in glory and judgement.

For you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Sending Out of God's People

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. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from
before your path, and make you ready to greet 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. **Amen.**

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

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (J. S. Bach)
Come now, Saviour of the Gentiles



NOTICES

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

In order for us to continue to comply with the requirements of our COVID-19 Safety Plan as required by the NSW Government, it is necessary to remind you of the following:

- If you are feeling unwell, please don't attend services or the Parish Office.
- Everyone attending the Church or Parish Office must on arrival have their temperature checked, hand sanitise and provide contact tracing details (if not already provided).
- It is a great assistance if you preregister your intention to attend a service. An Eventbrite link is emailed each week or you can contact Helen in the Parish Office on 9969 6910 or email: office@stlukemosman.org
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a facemask at all times on the Parish site.
- You must avoid crowding together and maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres.
- In Church, please only sit on the designated "green square" areas on the pews or on the soft padded seats at the front.
- There is to be no congregational singing or chanting. The only singing will be provided by designated choristers and the Director of Music.
- Please disperse quickly at the end of services.

Your assistance in observing these requirements makes it safer for all of us and helps us to comply with State Government regulations.

The Rector

ANGLICARE TOYS 'N' TUCKER APPEAL

St Luke's supports Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal every Christmas. This year will be no different - except that we will NOT be collecting goods on their behalf. **Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker Gift Donation Envelopes will be available during Advent.** Please insert your cash or cheque donation and place the envelope in the Offertory Basket. All proceeds will be forwarded to Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of St Luke's offertory envelopes for the next twelve month cycle are available in the vestibule. Please help yourself, if you are someone who likes to use them for your regular weekly giving.

SAFETY IN MINISTRY

St Luke's is committed to the principles of Safety in Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Our Child-Safe, Child-Friendly policy is available in the porch and on the parish website. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact either: Dr Jocelyn Chey Tel: 9967 5136 or The Revd Dr Max Wood, Rector, Tel: 9969 6910.

NOTICES

Celebrate Christmas

at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

7pm Sunday
13 December

*This service will be
broadcast online.
Link details will be
available via our website:
www.stlukesmosman.org*

CHRISTMAS EVE Said Eucharist*

6.30pm Thursday
24 December

CHRISTMAS DAY Said Eucharist*

9am Friday
25 December

**It is necessary to book to attend these services at St
Luke's. Please book via our website or call the Parish
Office on 9969 6910 Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm and
3pm-5.30pm to register. Numbers are restricted due
to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.*

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What's On This Week 6/12/2020

Sun 6/12	9am	Said Eucharist Advent 2 <i>Church</i>
Tues 8/12	4pm	Wardens' Meeting <i>Rector's Office</i>
Thu 10/12	11am	Said Eucharist <i>Lower Hall</i>

Next Sunday 13/12/2020

9am	Said Eucharist Advent 3 <i>Church</i>
7pm	Festival of Nine Lessons And Carols <i>via YouTube</i>



St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.