



Anglican Parish of
St Luke

Mosman

Advent 4

“God’s Purpose Revealed!”



Sung Eucharist

20 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:	Parishes of Beecroft and Eastwood; Arden Anglican School, Beecroft and Epping
Local churches:	Scots Kirk, Mosman; Revd Brett Graham, 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

Jennifer

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, Ann Neill

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 stand for the Procession

Introit: Advent Antiphon - O Emmanuel (Plainchant)

*O Emmanuel, our King and Law giver,
Hope of the nations and their saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

Greeting

✠Bless 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,
the angel Gabriel told the virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.

**All: Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming. Amen.**

The fourth Advent candle is now lit.

Sentence

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. *[Luke 1.32-33]*

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

Please sit to sing

The Balmoral Setting (Callum A. Close)

With movement



Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Gracious God,
whose eternal Word took flesh among us
when Mary placed her life at the service of your will:
Prepare our hearts for his coming again
and keep us steadfast in hope,
that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom;
for his sake, 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 Second Book of Samuel

Diana Long

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living

in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.
[2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16]

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Magnificat - TiS 172 *(Tune: Morning Song)*
Please stand to sing the Magnificat with the choir

**My soul gives glory to my God.
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvellous ways.**

**My God has done great things for me:
yes, holy is God’s name.
All people will declare me blest,
and blessings they shall claim.**

**From age to age, to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts.**

**Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
promotes the insecure,
leaves hungry spirits satisfied,
the rich seem suddenly poor.**

**Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness.**

**The Second Reading
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

[Romans 16.25-27]

**For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven came - TiS 302 *(Tune: Gabriels' Message)*

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady,' *Gloria!***

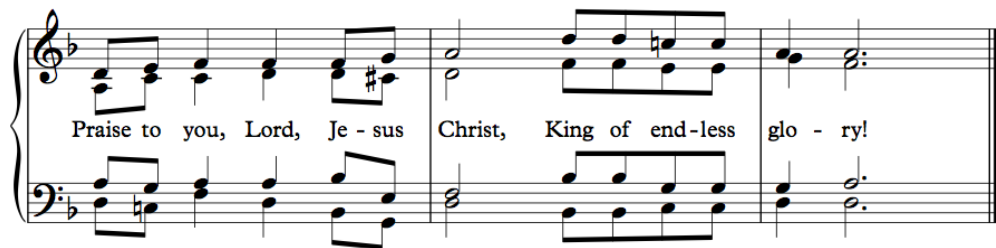
**'for known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!***

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady, *Gloria!***

**Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'most highly favoured lady.' *Gloria!***

The Gospel Reading

Congregational Response



Choir: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Choir: May we, like Mary, be your willing servants, Lord;
indeed, let it be with us according to your word.

All: 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 Luke, Chapter 1,
beginning at the 26th verse.

✠Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

[Luke 1.26-38]

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

The Sermon - The Rector

The Creed

Let us stand and 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

David Burke

Please be seated

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Response after each petition

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

Please stand

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 Offertory

Offertory Hymn

No wind at the window, no knock on the door - TiS 287

(Tune: Columcille)

**No wind at the window,
no knock on the door;
no light from the lampstand,
no foot on the floor;
no dream born of tiredness,
no ghost raised by fear:
just an angel and a woman
and a voice in her ear.**

**‘O Mary, O Mary,
don’t hide from my face.
Be glad that you’re favoured
and filled with God’s grace.
The time for redeeming
the world has begun;**

**and you are requested
to mother God's son.'**

**'This child must be born
that the kingdom might come:
salvation for many,
destruction for some;
both end and beginning,
both message and sign;
both victor and victim,
both yours and divine.'**

**No payment was promised,
no promises made;
no wedding was dated,
no blueprint displayed.
Yet Mary, consenting
to what none could guess,
replied with conviction,
'Tell God, I say Yes.'**

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:

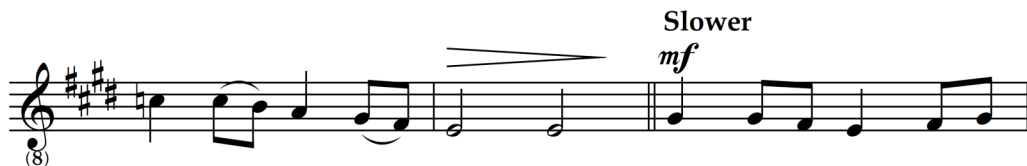
Joyfully



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

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:

Lightly

Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are

rit. **Broadly**

yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

Please sit to sing the Agnus Dei

Reflectively **2** *mp*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, _____ have

mf

mer - cy_ on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have

mp

mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the

p *rit.*

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 at the chancel steps.

*Please wait to be invited to move forward along the centre aisle
and then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

Communion Anthem

Please remain seated while the choir sings

Advent Wreath Prayer 4 (Malcolm Archer b.1952)

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle;
to you be praise and glory for ever!*

Your light has shone in our darkened world

Through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

Grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image

And prepared like her for the coming of your Son,

Who is the Lord and Saviour of all. 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.

Notices

Final Hymn

Once in royal David's city - TiS 312 (Tune: Irby)

**Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:**

**Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, despised and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

And through all his wondrous childhood,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

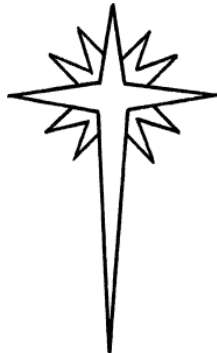
Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

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



NOTICES

ANGLICARE TOYS 'N' TUCKER APPEAL

St Luke's supports Anglicare's Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal every Christmas. Today is the final day for contributing through our **Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker Gift Donation Envelopes**, which are available in the vestibule. 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 on Tuesday morning.**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Reverend John Seddon and his wife, Win, convey their sincere Christmas Greetings to everyone at St Luke's. Fr John assures us that he will continue to keep St Luke's parishioners in his prayers, as always.

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.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN CHANGES

Following the announcement last week concerning the reintroduction of singing in churches, St Luke's has had to complete another COVID-19 Safety Plan as required by the NSW Government. In order for us to comply with directions and for us all to be able to enjoy the lifting of restrictions, please note:

- 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).
- Please preregister if you plan to attend a service. An Eventbrite link is emailed each week or you can contact Helen in the Parish Office on 9969 6910 or by email: office@stlukesmosman.org
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask at all times on the Parish site. It is ESSENTIAL to wear a mask if you wish to sing. Otherwise, you must not join in any singing during the service.
- You must avoid crowding together and maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres. During communion, please observe directions from those assisting.
- In Church, please only sit on the designated "green square" areas on the pews or on the soft padded seats at the front.
- Please disperse quickly at the end of all services. The NSW Government recommendations specifically advise against congregating socially at the conclusion of services.

Your assistance in observing these requirements makes it safer for all of us. Please help us to help you worship at church in person this Christmas. *The Rector*

Celebrate Christmas

at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman



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 20/12/2020

Sun 20/12 9am Sung Eucharist
Advent 34
Church

Thu 24/12 11am Said Eucharist
*in recess until
February 2021*

Thu 24/12 6.30pm **Christmas Eve**
Sung Eucharist
Church

Fri 25/12 9am **Christmas Day**
Sung Eucharist
Church



Next Sunday 27/12/2020

9am Said Mattins
Christmas 1
Available online



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.