



St Luke's Mosman

ADVENT 2

"Comfort, Strength, Promise"



Eucharist 5 December 2021 9am

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parish of Naremburn/Cammeray; clergy and people Local Churches: St Clement's Mosman; the Rev'd Michael Chrichton

and people

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 Prayer:

Robin LaForest, David Park, Philip Brooks, Ian Fitzpatrick

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather Chisholm, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Lynda Walker, David Nyholm

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson, Nancy Lovitt, Dorothy Bashford, Nan Oliver

Gathering of God's People

<u>Please note</u>: Due to current COVID-19 regulations masks are mandatory. Congregational singing is permitted.

Please stand for the Procession

Advent Antiphons

Sung by the choir

O root of Jesse, standing as a sign among 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 God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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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.

The second Advent candle is now lit.

May God bless you and fill your hearts with love, so that you show his love and goodness in all you do. **Amen.**

Sentence

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. [Luke 1.78-79]

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 by Callum A. Close



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

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Please be seated

The First Reading A Reading from the Book of Malachi

Gwenda Brook

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

[Malachi 3.1-4]

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

Please remain seated to listen to the choir sing the Canticle **The Song of Zechariah** (Chant: Barnby)

The Second Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

[Philippians 1.1-11]

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

On Jordan's banks, the Baptist's cry (Tune: Winchester New)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

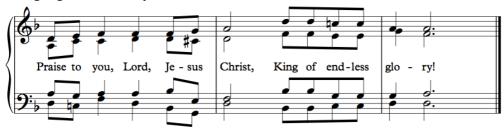
Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

To him who left the throne of heaven to free us all, let praise be given; and praise be to the Father done, and Holy Spirit, Three in One.

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!

Cantor: You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud;

stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

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 3, beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

[Luke 3.1-6]

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

The Sermon - The Reverend Peter Kurti, Associate Priest

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. **B**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Community

Helen Bell

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 greeting of peace.

The Offertory
Offertory Hymn
Of the Father's love begotten (Tune: Corde Natus)

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed When the virgin, full of grace, By the Spirit's power conceiving Bore the saviour of our race, And the babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages Sang of old with one accord, Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected: Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

In the heights of heaven adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing, All dominions bow before him And extol our God and king; Let no tongue in earth be silent, Every voice together sing Evermore and evermore.

The Presider says

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

Please remain standing

The Sursum Corda We sing together

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.

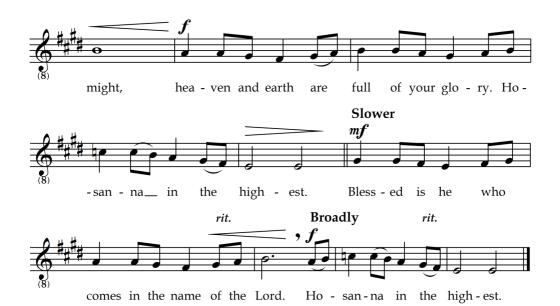
The Presider continues

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:





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.'

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christis 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:



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



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

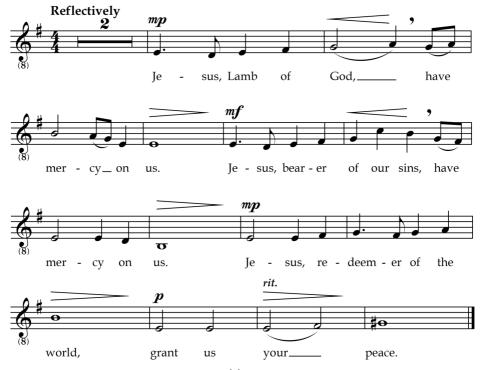
The Presider breaks the bread and says

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.

Please sit to sing the Agnus Dei



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.

Communion will now be administered to the congregation at the chancel steps.

<u>Please wait to be invited</u> to move forward along the centre aisle and then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Anthem

Please remain seated for the Communion Anthem

Summer suns are glowing (William How)

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea; happy light is flowing bountiful and free. Everything rejoices in the mellow rays; all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.

See God's mercy streaming over all the world, and his banner gleaming everywhere unfurled. Broad and deep and glorious as the heaven above, shines in might victorious his eternal love.

We will never doubt you, though you veil your light; life is dark without you, death with you is bright. Light of light, shine o'er us on our pilgrim way; still go on before us to the endless day.

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

Please stand to sing

Final Hymn Hail to the Lord's anointed (Tune: Crüger)

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son; hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, and take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with help and mercy to those who suffer wrong, to raise the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong, to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever, that name to us is love.

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 BWV659 J.S. Bach (1685-1750) *Tr. Come now, Saviour of the Heathen*

SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - FELLOWS CONCERT

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Cnr. Ourimbah Rd. & Heydon St. Mosman

TODAY - 11am

Program: Ewazen, Mozart, Saglietti, R. Strauss

Entry via donation

Bookings: Speak to Callum Close

(Places are limited due to venue capacity restrictions.)

NOTICES

COMING EVENTS AT ST LUKE'S AND OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS

ADVENT 3 AND THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday, 12 December, is Advent 3 or Gaudete Sunday, meaning literally "Rejoice Sunday". Indeed, we shall rejoice all day, beginning with our 9am Eucharist with Guest Preacher the Rev'd Philip Bradford, former Rector of All Saints Hunters Hill, and culminating in celebrating our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the church at 7pm. Join us for this joyful occasion, followed by cake and bubbles in the Courtyard at its conclusion.

PUB LUNCH

Also next Sunday at 12 noon, our final Pub Lunch for 2021 will take place in the Lower Duck at the Hotel Mosman. If you'd like to attend, please call the Parish Office to book. Tel: 9969 6910.

THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND LUNCH

All are welcome to attend our weekly Thursday Holy Eucharist service, held at 11am in the Chapel. It is followed by lunch at Café Jam at 11.45am. Please book to attend Holy Eucharist and/or lunch via the Parish Office on Tel: 9969 6910 or e: office@stlukesmosman.org

Come and Celebrate Christmas

at St Luke's Anglican Church Mosman



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

7pm Sunday 12 December

Followed by light refreshments

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

5pm Friday 24 December

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNG EUCHARIST

9am Saturday 25 December

Cnr. Ourimbah Rd. & Heydon St. Mosman www.stlukesmosman.org

Please send any notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the office no later than 4.30pm Tuesday.



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What's On This Week 5/12/21

Today 9am ADVENT 2

Eucharist Church

11am SSO FELLOWS

CONCERT Church

Tues 3pm Wardens' Meeting

Thur 11am Holy Eucharist

Chapel

11.45 Lunch Café Jam

Next Sunday 12/12/21

9am ADVENT 3

Eucharist

Church

12pm Pub Lunch

Lower Duck

7pm Nine Lessons

and Carols



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.

