

Advent 4 Baptism of Renna Leigh Mumford 19th December 2021



8am Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra
10am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee (Assistant Priest)
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Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please join in saying the text marked in bold and singing the musical responses and hymns.

INTRODUCTION

Mary's greatness does not lie in the gift that God gave her in calling her to be the mother of his Son. Mary is honoured because she believed in the promises God made to her. Those promises could only be fulfilled because Mary took the necessary first step: 'Be it unto me according to your word' Mary's story can be ours too.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

TIS 283



1. Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew, come to make all things new, bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, when he comes. who will make him welcome?

2. God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan: he will come, as a man, born himself of woman, God divinely human.

Refrain

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected.

Refrain

4. Journey ends: where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry.

> Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! Jesus comes, Jesus comes: we will make him welcome.

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath

We have this ADVENT WREATH to remind us of the coming of Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

As we light the fourth candle let us say together:

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

We light the First candle to remind us of all God's people who, in every age, watch for his coming.

We light the Second candle to remind us of the great promise made by God and told to us by the prophets.

We light the Third candle to remind us of John the Baptist, who told us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

A young person asks: Why do we light the fourth candle?

A parent replies: "We light the fourth candle to remind us of Mary who was obedient to God's command; and gave birth to the Messiah." "The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a woman engaged to a man called Joseph. "Mary, do not be afraid", he said, "You have won God's favour. Listen. You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.

Luke 1:26-33

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: Let us say together:

Our Father who is in heaven we need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and homes to receive the Messiah. Come Lord Jesus come. Amen.

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.



Missa Emmanuel R. Proulx

The deacon introduces the confession:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

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.

The celebrant pronounces the absolution:

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 celebrant reads the Collect of the day

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the prophet Micah:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah. from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth: and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF MARY

OWEN ALSTOTT

Response:



My soul proclaims your mighty deeds My spirit sings the greatness of your name.

Response

Your mercy flows throughout the land and every generation knows your love.

Response

You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life.

Response

You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away.

Response

Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel.

Response

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SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law),

then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10.5-10

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN





- 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.
- 2. '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.

- 3. '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.'
- 4. 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.'

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke:

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Luke 1.39-45

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

We welcome those who come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

Sponsors (parents and godparents): We present Renna Leigh Mumford to be baptised.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing *Renna Leigh* for baptism?

Sponsors: I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of *Renna Leigh*?

Sponsors: I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage *Renna Leigh* in the life and faith of the Christian community?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors: I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

Sponsors: I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

Sponsors: I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

Sponsors: I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Sponsors: Amen.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

To the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that *Renna Leigh* may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in her. **Amen.**

Give to his sponsors and family the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May she know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May she proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called *Renna Leigh* to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptized in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church Do you believe in God the Father?

Sponsors: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

Sponsors: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Sponsors: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The minister baptises the child:

Renna Leigh I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister makes a cross on the child's forehead:

Renna Leigh I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own forever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of the darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

The newly baptised is greeted by the congregation.

THE GREETINGS OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

TIS 294



- Behold, a rose is growing, of loveliest form and grace, as prophets sang, foreknowing; it springs from Jesse's race, and comes a perfect flower, in midst of coldest winter, at deepest midnight hour.
- Isaiah had foretold it in words of promise sure, and Mary's arms enfold it a gentle maiden pure. Through God's eternal will this child to her is given at midnight calm and still.

- This rose, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendour the darkness everywhere. As human, yet true God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.
- 4. O Saviour, child of Mary, you felt our human woe;
 O Saviour, King of glory, you all our weakness know.
 Lead us at last, we pray, to the full joys of heaven and into endless day.

Anon., German, 15th cent. tr. vv.1–3 Harriet Reynolds Spaeth 1845–1925, v.4 John Caspar Mattes (1914) alt. Reproduced with permission

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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, and 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:



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 all glory is yours, eternal God , now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**



AGNUS DEI

THE INVITATION

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.

THE ANTHEM

"A tender shoot."

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with you grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

TIS 265



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! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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POSTLUDE

"Meine Seele erhebt den Herren" BWV 733.

J S Bach

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Deepa, Susan, Sharne, Ellie, Barbara, Pat, Jocelyn, Mandy, Jenny, Sasha, Martin, Pamela, Paul, + Andrew and Father Tim.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Graeme Harper, Anna Harrison, and Marjorie Kenny.

If there is a name that should be included, please advise the Parish Office by email <u>office@stmarys.org.au</u>

Please Note:

The Parish office will be closed during January and will reopen on the 31st of the month.

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ST MARY'S PARISH NOTICES

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



ALL WELCOME

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

19тн December 2021 – 7.00рм



| THE ROSTER - WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS WEEK! | | | | |
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| | December 19th | | | |
| 8:00am Reader | Jenny Langmead | | | |
| 10:00am Readers | Anne Sunderland <i>Micah 5:2-5a</i> Susan Gribben <i>Heb 10:5-10</i> | | | |
| Serving Team | Peter O'D | | | |
| Welcome | Anne Sunderland Geoff Jenkins | | | |
| Introduction & Intercessions | Geoff Jenkins | | | |
| Video/AV | Samuel Miller | | | |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | Harriet Jenkins | | | |
| Morning Tea | Helen McCallum David K | | | |
| Collection Counting | Parish Council +1 | | | |
| Flowers | TBC | | | |



IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom angels fall before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; But His mother only, in her maiden bliss, Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Roster

Dear Friends, With life returning to normal, we are asking if you can indicate your rostering availability for the November/December period. Please click on this link:

https://forms.gle/JPk4WcEPLb6m75TY8

Hotham Mission

The **Hotham Mission** is a faith-based, non-profit organisation which has provided education support, food relief and other general support to young people and their families in North Melbourne and surrounding areas since 1927. The assistance provided by Hotham Mission is targeted, compassionate, and delivered through strength-based, community collaboration.

Five local congregations are affiliated with Hotham Mission; St Mark the Evangelist Uniting Church; the joint Anglican and Uniting Church congregation of Christ Church, Kensington; St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; St Alban's Anglican Church, North Melbourne; and The West Melbourne Baptist Church, West Melbourne.

More information, including how to support the Hotham Mission, can be found on the website.

YOUR OFFERING ONLINE

Account Name: St Marys Anglican Church North Melbourne Bank: Westpac North Melbourne. BSB: 033 132 Account Number: 264412

CHURCH GARDEN GROUP

If you are available to help in the Church Garden, please contact:

Margaret Noble

0458 753 654



The choir will be in recess until the end of January. We always welcome new members. If you have moved into North Melbourne, or are at all interested please contact the Director of Music. The Choir usually meets on Tuesdays, 5.30 - 7pm.

Please contact Bev if you'd like to be involved:

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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne is an inner-city Christian community that strives to be faithful, inclusive and sacramental. God inspires us to worship in daily celebration; to be caring, thoughtful and inviting.

In response to God's call, in the next three to five years we aim:

• To grow substantially in faith and numbers

•To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups - children and adults - equally

•To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community

• To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term

• To become more open to change as we learn to grow

