

St Mary's



1st Sunday of Advent

(Disability Sunday)

3rd December 2023



8am & 10am Presider: Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra

8am & 10am Preacher: Josephine Snowdon

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

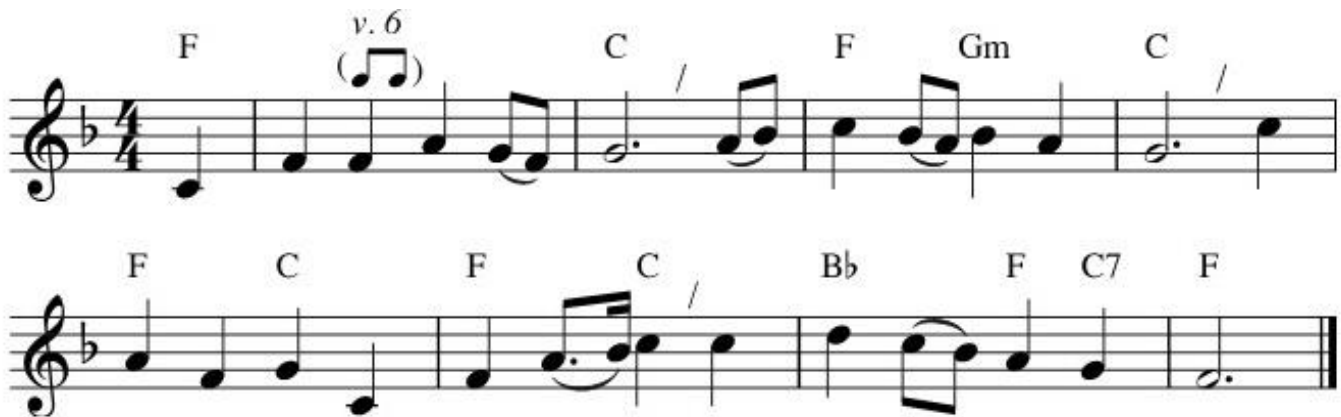
*Please join in saying the text marked in **bold** and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

Today we not only begin the church year but we also, as requested by our recent Synod, mark "Disability Sunday" a day on which we recognise the needs of all God's children and become more aware of the special needs of some, as well as celebrate that all people have a ministry and a place in god's house.

HYMN

TIS 271



1. **The advent of our God**
with eager prayers we greet,
and singing hasten on his road
his coming reign to meet.
2. **The everlasting Son**
was born to make us free;
and he a servant's form put on
to gain our liberty.
3. **Let Zion now arise**
to greet her infant king,
and gladly take with thankful heart
the peace he comes to bring.

4. **As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
his scattered people to unite,
with them in heaven to reign.**
5. **Then evil flee away
before the rising dawn!
Let our old nature day by day
God's image still put on.**
6. **Praise to the incarnate Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
to all eternity.**

Charles Coffin 1676–1749 tr. John Chandler 1806–76 and others

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Peace 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 first 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.”**

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

A parent replies: We light the first candle to remind us of the people of God who in every age waited for the coming of the Messiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For a child has been born for us, a son has been given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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.

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

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down,
the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait
for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you
in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous
deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of
you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into
the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our
potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry,
O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are
all your people.

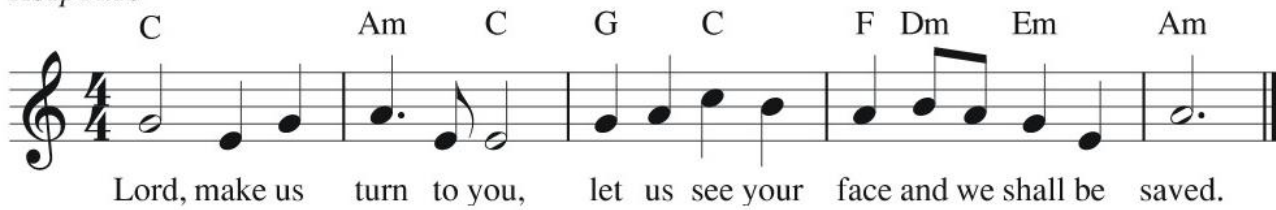
Isaiah 64.1-9

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80

Response



1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. ***Response***
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. ***Response***
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. ***Response***

Music © K. Boschetti

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

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

HYMN

TIS 787

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness.

Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,

light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our
light! Shine in your church gath - ered to -
day.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light.

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
*Christ, be our light.***

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
*Christ, be our light.***

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, ‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Mark 13.24-37

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



SERMON: Josephine Snowdon

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 PEOPLE

After each section:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ:

His spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you:

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



C G C F C /
 I 'Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,' the
 C G D G /
 watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, 'A -
 C Am Dm G C / G C
 - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!' Mid-night hears the wel-come
 F C / G D
 voi - ces, and at the rou - sing cry re - joi -
 G / C Am Dm G C /
 - ces: 'Where are you, all you vir - gins wise? The
 C G Am / Em G G7
 bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your light - ed lamps then
 C G F C / F E Am
 take. Hal - le - lu - jah! With joy pre - pare to
 C G Am / C Am Dm G7 C
 meet him there; the roy - al wed - ding 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.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

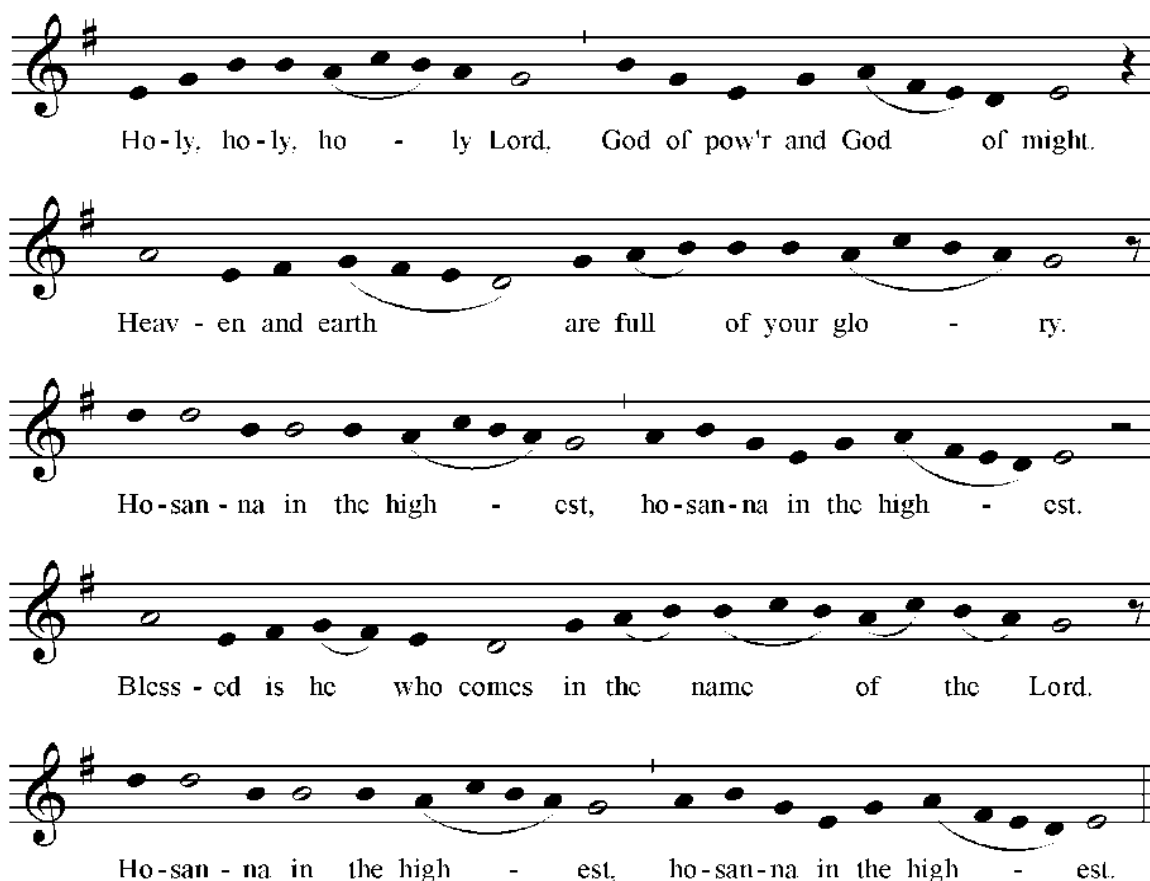
All glory and honour, thanks and praise be given to you at all times and in all places, Lord, holy Father, true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is your eternal Word through whom you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

In him the day of our deliverance has dawned. We rejoice that through him you make all things new and we look for his coming in power and majesty to judge the world. In your great love you gave him to be made man for us and to share our common life.

In obedience to your will your Son our Saviour offered himself as a perfect sacrifice, and died upon the cross for our redemption. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin and reconciled us to yourself, our God and Father.

He is our great high priest whom you raised from death and exalted to your right hand on high where he ever lives to intercede for us. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a royal priesthood called to serve you for ever.

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

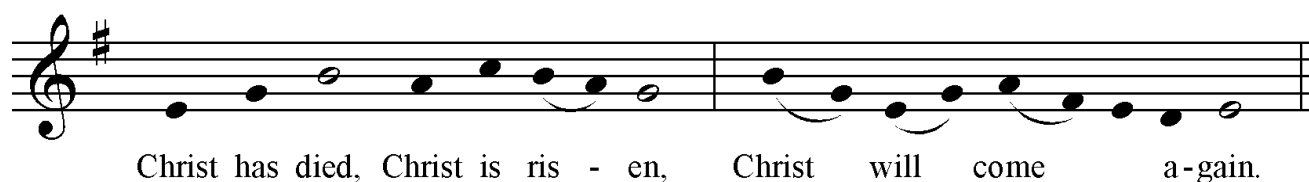


Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

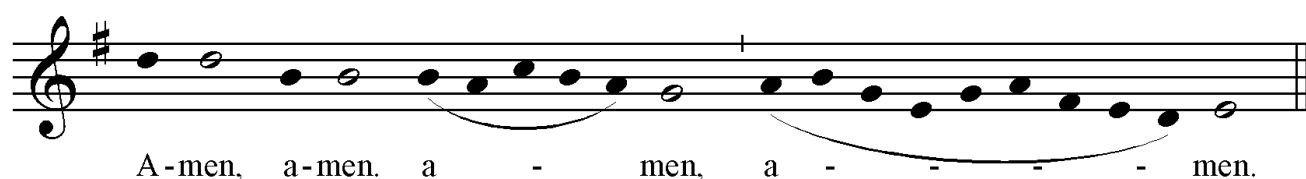
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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,
 we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



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

* Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - - y Lord: you
Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - - se's tree:
Key of Da - vid and Day - spring form on high:
De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

“Zion at thy shining gates”

George Guest (b 1924)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

TIS 265

Em Am Em G Em Am Em

Am G D Am Em Am Em

Refrain

D G Bm Em Am Em C Am Bm Em

Re-joice! re-joice! Em-ma - nu-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

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! ...***

Sung unaccompanied:

**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

Please pray for those in need: Susan and Greg, Peter and Juneanne, Jenny Langmead, Mavis and Martin, Brandi and family.

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

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

The Roster

	December 3rd		December 10th	December 16th	December 17th
	Advent 1 - International Day of People with Disability	Advent Carols and Lessons	Advent 2	Carols on the Corner (Saturday 7pm)	Advent 3 (Set up christmas tree after church)
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinlay	Readers	Judie Bainbridge	Readers	Andrew McKinlay
10:00am Readers	Susan Walters Samuel Miller	Anne Sunderland Geoff Jenkins Andrew	John Blanch Elizabeth Brookes	Andrew Murray Michael Golding	Helen McCallum Alice Christofi
Serving Team	Andrew Murray Alice Christofi	Gador-Whyte Peter O'Donoghue Alice Christofi John Blanch Michael	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland Peter O'Donoghue	No serving team	Alice Christofi Anne Sunderland Lewis Gurr- Stephen
Subdeacon	Josie Snowden	Golding Samuel Chappel Rosie Moloney	Josie Snowden		Andrew Murray
Welcome	Sam Miller	Alice Christofi	Parish Council	4 x set up and welcome Marquee Speakers etc	Parish Council
Introduction & Intercession	Audrey Statham	TBC	Geoff Jenkins	Clergy	Andrew Murray
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Adam Wing	Adam Wing		Adam Wing
Kids Corner & Sunday School	Rosie Moloney		Rosie Moloney		Rosie/Harriet
Morning Tea	TBC		Helen McCallum David Keuneman	BBC: Sam & Adam & Luke & others	Margaret Noble Michael Noble

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Mary's Parish Notices

Advent and Christmas Services 2023

DECEMBER 3RD: NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS 7PM
(WITH THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S, NORTH MELBOURNE)

DECEMBER 16TH: CAROLS ON THE CORNER 5PM

DECEMBER 24TH: KID'S CHRISTMAS 5PM

MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30PM

DECEMBER 25TH: FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE 9AM

Gazebo needed for Carols on the Corner

We're looking for one more Gazebo/marquee for the carols on the corner service on December 16. Please speak to Sam if you have one you're happy to lend out. Pickup can be arranged if needed.

Sharing with the Hungry

There are three ways we can contribute food to those who cannot afford it.

- A financial donation to the Anglican Benevolent Society via the church office feeds the funds we use for a weekly purchase of meat for the kitchens at St Marks Fitzroy.
- A financial donation to either St Marks or Mission House via the church office gives them the money to buy what is needed for their food parcels.
- Food donations – but no glass items – can be left in the baptistery at St Mary's for either St Marks or Mission House.

Giving to Support St Mary's

We value your financial support. This helps us keep our doors open and fulfil our mission. *You can donate by following this link or scanning the QR code:*

<http://st-marys-anglican-north-melbourne.square.site/>



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PLEASE REPORT ABUSE CALL 1800 135 246