



**Advent Sunday 4
22 December 2024
8am & 10am**

Missa Emmanuel - Richard Proulx Setting

***Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and joining in the music.***

Prelude

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Today is the last Sunday of Advent when we light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath. In our focus on the ancestors of Jesus from within Israel, we commemorate blessed Mary whose body became the tabernacle for Jesus. She was later given the title, 'Mother of God' (or 'God-bearer') to confirm the divinity of her Son. Let us worship God.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 283

Verses 1905 92

Refrain

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| <p>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. <i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i> <i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i> <i>When he comes, when he comes:</i> <i>who will make him welcome?</i></p> | <p>3. Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed. In her womb God is laid: till the time expected, nurtured and protected. <i>Response 1</i></p> |
| <p>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. <i>Response 1</i></p> | <p>4. Journey ends: where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry. <i>Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!</i> <i>Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!</i> <i>Jesus comes, Jesus comes:</i> <i>we will make him welcome.</i></p> |

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Remain standing for the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of Holy Mary:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

Help us to remember God's faithfulness to the covenant.

May we share her joy in the God who brings us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Blessed be God forever.

Remain standing for 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 that light we confess our sins:

Heavenly Father,

you have created a universe of light:

forgive us when we return to darkness.



Lord Jesus,

you are the light of the world:

cleanse and heal our blinded sight.



Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.



The celebrant pronounces the absolution.

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. So fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please be seated

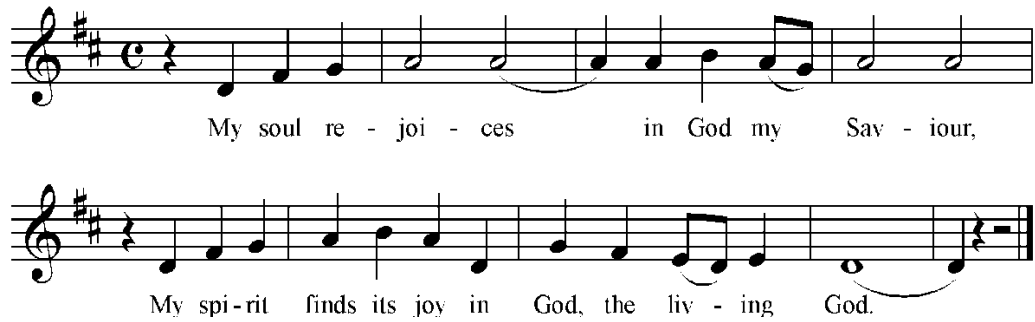
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah:

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.

(Micah 5:2-5a)

For the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE MAGNIFICAT: SONG OF MARY by OWEN ALSTOTT



My soul re - joi - ces in God my Sav - iour,
My spi - rit finds its joy in God, the liv - ing God.

1. My soul proclaims your mighty deeds
My spirit sings the greatness of your name. *Response*
2. Your mercy flows throughout the land
and every generation knows your love. *Response*
3. You cast the mighty from their thrones
and raise the poor and lowly to new life. *Response*
4. You fill the hungry with good things.
With empty hands you send the rich away. *Response*
5. 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, 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.**

THE GOSPEL

Please stand



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 Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

(Luke 1:39-45)

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Please be seated

NICENE CREED

Please stand

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

Please sit or kneel

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

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN TIS 302

Gtr. Capo 3 Gm(Em) D7(B7) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) D7(B7)

Gm(Em) D7(B7) Gm(Em) Eb(C) F(D) Gm(Em)

Bb(G) Gm(Em) Cm(Am) F(D)

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Cm(Am) D7(B7) Eb(C) Cm(Am) Dm(Bm) Gm(Em)

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1. 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!*
2. '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!*
3. 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!*







4. 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!*

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS


Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER


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| <p>Sursum Corda <i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p> | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p> |
| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p> |
| <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> | <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |

All glory and honour ...


... for every praising you and singing:



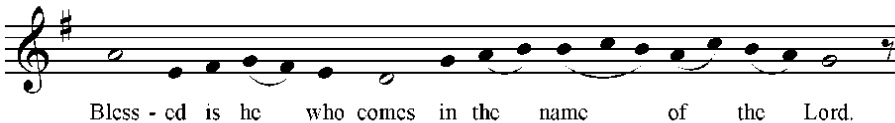
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.




Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.



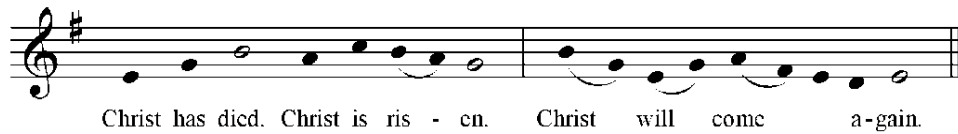
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Merciful God, we thank you ...

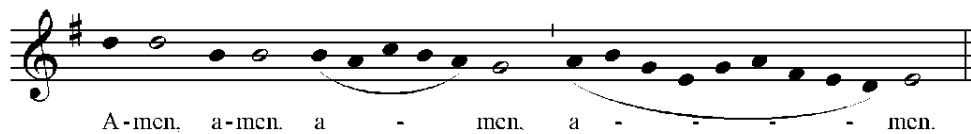
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

... in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are your for ever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us this day 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.

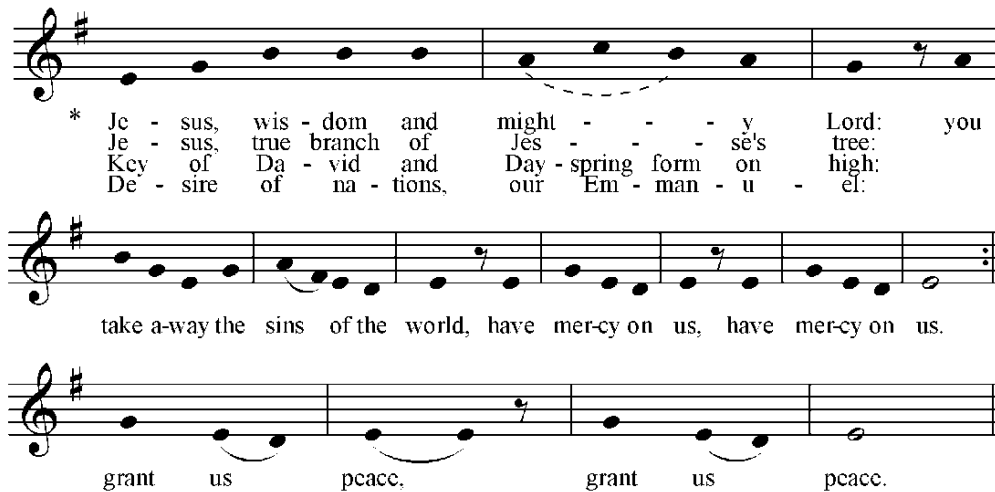
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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 gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION

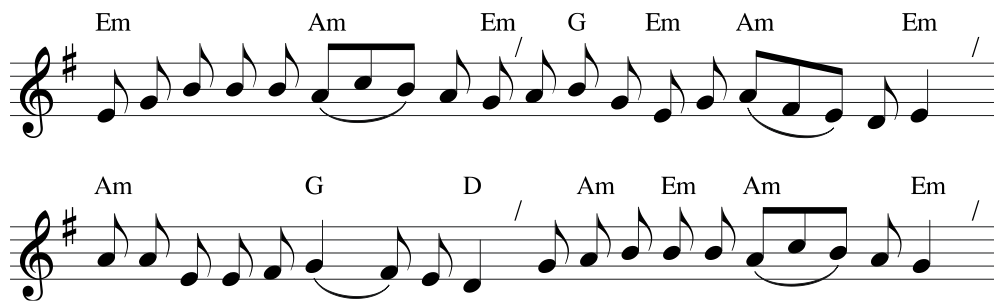
Anthem: *'Creator of the Stars of Night'* arr. V Ryan, text 9th C.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

FINAL 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. *Response*
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. *Response*
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. *Response*
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. *Response*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: *'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland'* BWV 661 by JS Bach.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need, including Fr Shane, Barbara, Martin, Dawn, Joel McNae & family, Daisy, Suzanne, Elsdon, Michael, Joe, Fr Jim & Family, Peter, Wheeler family, Graham, John & family and Isaiah.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: Roma Cain, Ewan Paterson, Elizabeth Prosser and Eveline Cope.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au

From Feb 2025, the list will be refreshed. Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified.

****NEW TIME & ZOOM DETAILS****: Morning Prayer held on

Mond/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <https://bit.ly/49910N4> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706

Weekday Eucharist will ****RESUME ON THURS 2 FEB 2025**** at 12pm (no Eucharist for the rest of Dec 2024 and throughout Jan 2025).

Prayer for a New Incumbent:

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

If you would like to be contacted by the Parish, please fill in your details, tear this section and drop it in the box on the front porch:

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St Mary's Parish Notices

- Please see below the rest of 2024 Advent & Christmas Services:
 - Sund 22 Dec, 2pm: Children's Christmas Service
 - Tues 24 Dec, 11pm: Carols by the Crib & 11.30pm: Midnight Mass
 - Wed 25 Dec, 9am: Sung Eucharist
- 2024 AVE Advent Edition prints are available at the Church front porch as well as online towards the bottom LH corner of St Mary's homepage <https://www.stmarys.org.au/>
- Cantus temporum 'The Music of the Clock' presented by UoM Faculty of Fine Arts & Music will be held on Thurs 16 Jan 2025, 3pm at St Mary's Church. Vocal concert exploring melodies of musical clocks, entry by donation.
- Various theatre workshops by Thursday Group & ImPermanence Productions will run across Jan & Feb 2025 at St Mary's Hall. For details [#1 Weekly Training | Jan - Feb 2025 — ButohOUT!](#) as well as <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1253834>
- The last concert from the Free Advent Organ Recital Series is on Mon 23 Dec, 12.30pm. Head to <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/> for details.
- Christmas at Anglicare: Please donate Christmas gifts/food items to Mission House in Fitzroy. They need not be wrapped and will be made up into hampers, so they request that you donate early.
- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Hotham Mission Christmas Appeal: for donation visit <https://www.givenow.com.au/ucahothammission> and for volunteering email programs@hothammission.org.au or contact (03) 9326 8245.
- Your support for the Parish is appreciated. To authorise direct debit, contact Parish Treasurer via treasurer@stmarys.org.au For occasional/regular giving, direct funds to Parish Giving account with Anglican Development Fund: BSB: 703-122 / Acc: 05004687 / Acc Name: St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne.
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St Mary's Roster

| | Sunday 22 Dec 2024 Advent 4 | Sunday 24 Dec 2024 11pm Carols by the Crib & Midnight Mass |
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| 8:00am Reader | Andrew McKinley | N/A |
| 10:00am Readers | Andrew Gador-Whyte Libby Brookes | Libby Brookes |
| Serving Team | Alice Christofi (C) Anne Sunderland (C) | Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue |
| Welcome | Adam Wing | Adam Wing |
| Introduction & Intercession | Robert Gribben | Clergy |
| Video/AV | Geoff Jenkins | Geoff Jenkins |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | 2pm Christmas Service | N/A |
| Morning Tea | Lewis Gurr-Stephen Katie Holmes | Hospitality Committee Mince Pies & Bubbly |

| | Sunday 25 Dec 2024 9am Sung Eucharist | Sunday 29 Dec 2024 1 st Sunday after Christmas |
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| 8:00am Reader | N/A | Rhonda Fahey |
| 10:00am Readers | John Blanch Helen McCallum | Alice Christofi (C) Peter O'Donoghue |
| Serving Team | Anne Sunderland (C) Peter O'Donoghue | Alice Christofi (C) Anne Sunderland |
| Welcome | Michael Golding | Adam Wing |
| Introduction & Intercession | Clergy | Andrew Gador Whyte |
| Video/AV | Adam Wing | Geoff Jenkins |
| Kids Corner & Sunday School | N/A | School Holiday |
| Morning Tea | N/A | Michael Noble Margaret Noble |

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