



ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

Holy Communion and Choral Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Vicar

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

Sunday 24 December 2023

8am & 10am

5pm Children's Christmas Service

11pm The First Mass of Christmas (Midnight Mass)

MUSIC FOR THE SERVICE

Hymns: 221, 219 (Vv 1-3,8), 223, 218

Motet: *Infant Holy* (Trad)

Postlude: *Pastorale in F* (Bach)

Organist: Roger Brown

THIS WEEK

Monday 25 December	9am	The Birth of Our Lord - Christmas Day
Tuesday 26 December		PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 27 December		Vicar's Day Off
Thursday 28 December		Vicar's Day in lieu of Public Holiday
Friday 29 December	10am 4pm	Holy Communion at <i>Benetas The Views Heidelberg</i> Wedding Rehearsal
Sunday 31 December <i>The Epiphany of our Lord</i>		New Years Eve Isaiah 60.1-6 Ps 72.1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12
	3.30pm	The Wedding of Alexander Gall and Tess Farrell

MASS READINGS

Please use these readings in conjunction with the Order of Service for the Eucharist, commencing at page 119 of the green 'A Prayer Book for Australia'.

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

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 in steadfast 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.

A reading from the second book of Samuel

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 for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 89.1-4, 19-27



- 1 Lord I will sing for ever of your | loving- | kindnesses:
my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness through | out all | generations.
- 2 **I have said of your loving-kindness that it is | built for | ever:**
you have established your | faithful-ness | in the | heavens.
- 3 The Lord said
'I have made a covenant | with my | chosen:
I have sworn an | oath . to my | servant | David.
- 4 **'I will establish your | line for | ever:**
and build up your | throne for | all . gener|ations.
- 19 You spoke | once . in a | vision:
and | said | to your | faithful one,
- 20 **'I have set a youth a|bove a | warrior:**
I have exalted a | young man | out of . the | people.
- 21 'I have found my | servant | David:
and anointed him | with my | holy | oil.
- 22 **'My hand | shall up|hold him:**
and my | arm | shall | strengthen him.
- 23 'No enemy | shall de|ceive him:
no | evil | man shall | hurt him.
- 24 **'I will crush his | adversaries . be |fore him:**
and | strike down | those that | hate him.
- 25 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness | shall be | with him:
and through my name his | head shall be | lifted | high.
- 26 **'I will set the hand of his dominion. upon the | Western |Sea:**
and his right hand shall stretch to the | streams of | Mesopo|tamia.
- 27 'He will call to me | "You • are my| Father:
my God and the | Rock of | my salvation."

SECOND READING

ROMANS 16.25-27

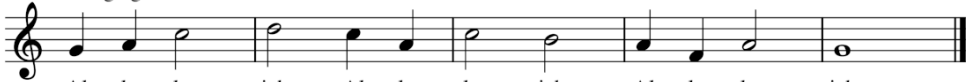
A reading from Paul's epistle to the Romans

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 for ever! Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

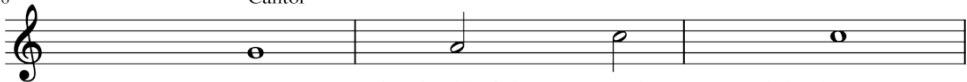
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation



Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

6 Cantor



Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me ac-

9



ord - ing to your word.

12 Congregation



Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah Al - le - lu - jah

GOSPEL

LUKE 1.26-38

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to - Glory to you Lord Jes - us 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 for ever, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jes - us Christ

SURSUM CORDA

Priest



The Lord be with you

3 Congregation



And Al - so with you

5 Priest



Lift up your hearts

7 Congregation



We lift them to the Lord

9 Priest



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

12 Congregation



It is right to give our thanks and praise

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION MOTET

Infant Holy

Trad

POSTLUDE

Pastorale in F BWV 590 (1st movt)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PARISH PRAYERS

Murray Steele, Bill Pearson, Dr Helen Kouzmin, The Rt Rev'd Andrew St John, Wayne Oswald, Gabriel Pronobis, Alan Tracey, Bella Saadala, David Nolte, Dorothy Maher, Anthony Schiavone, Stephen 'Spud' Murphy, Frank McFall, Paul Finch, Colin Derbyshire, Rebecca Bowden, The Malek family, Katie Pittle, Hannah, Colin Summerbell, Fr Bill Edebohls, Vince Cristiano, Bob Hill, Matt Clay and his father, Faye, Rachel, Kyle, Lilly, Gwen Pearce, Pam Hill, Violetta Karama Wickvamasinghe, Libby Davis, Jan Peggie, Roger Douglas and those known to you alone.

We pray for Fr John's ministry to Ivanhoe Grammar School as the School Chaplain, and for our involvement with that community.

We pray for all those who mourn, as we remember those who have died in recent days. We also recall with love and affection those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

We pray for God's protection, peace and restoration for our parishioners who are travelling at this time.

We give thanks to God for Nan and Coral who will exercise a ministry of prayer for growth.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNER

Sorted

Lord our God bless the Sorted Community as they build relationships with young people and empower them to help form new Christian communities. May participants find friendship and an opportunity to explore faith. Amen.



YEAR'S MIND

Dec 25	Joyce ATHERTON	1998
Dec 25	Jacqueline SALEM	1991
Dec 25	Graeme HARRIS	2014
Dec 25	Minnie DOWELL	1972
Dec 25	Ian FLETCHER	2022
Dec 25	Frank CICHELLO	2020
Dec 26	Claude VETTER	1980
Dec 27	Patricia OSWALD	2020
Dec 27	Beryl LLEWELLYN	1994
Dec 27	Esmond DORNEY	1991
Dec 27	Thomas ROBSON	1973
Dec 27	Betty BIBO	2018
Dec 28	Nellie HERIOT	1980
Dec 28	Ruth MORELAND	1982
Dec 28	Reginald SHAW	2022
Dec 29	Gina GIOVINE	1994
Dec 29	Vera WHITELOW	1971
Dec 29	Isobel COWANS	1971
Dec 29	Harry WRAGGE	1986
Dec 30	Eileen ELLIOTT	2015
Dec 30	George JOBLING	1986
Dec 30	Rupert ANDERSON	1979
Dec 30	Angela LUMICISI	2022



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Live-Streaming of Services - YouTube

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Opportunities to serve

The call of God upon us, is to a life of love and service to Him and one another. Have you prayerfully considered how God might want you to serve at St George's? There are a variety of roles currently unfilled. Please step out in faith trusting God for his enabling and ask John how you could be serving particularly around hospitality and prayer.

Wednesday Holy Communion service.

To enable the Vicar to catch-up on leave and to take time off there will be no mid-week service of Holy Communion on a Wednesday in January 2024.

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