

The 4th Sunday of Advent

20 December 2020

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



**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 thee, O Israel.*

**2 O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Prayers at the Advent Wreath

We light the fourth Advent Candle as a sign of our faith in God's redeeming love. God's promised Messiah is coming. He brings good news for the poor and oppressed. He will bind up broken hearts. He will proclaim release to those who are held captive.

The third candle is lit, and the Priest says:

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love, shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive him. Bless us in our prayer. Help us to hear and do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

**3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, 4 O come, Desire of nations, bind
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's
peace.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

John Mason Neale and Henry Sloane Coffin

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

Isaiah 45.8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Greeting

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

Amen.

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Priest may briefly introduce the Mass of the day.

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

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.

All say

**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 priest says:

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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

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 steadfast in 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Now when David 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 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, David, 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.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26

℟. Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. **℟.**
- 3 ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 “I will establish your line for ever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.” **℟.**
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
‘I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him. **℟.**
- 21 My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him,
nor the wicked bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him. **℟.**

- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.
25 I shall make his dominion extend
from the Great Sea to the River.
26 He will say to me, "You are my Father,
my God and the rock of my salvation." R̄.

Second Reading

Romans 16.25–27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1.38

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1.26–38

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Graeme Kaines

Silence may be kept.

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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 for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pray for the world and for the church.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.
God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.

Canon

1. Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.

2. Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a.

3. Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a.

4. Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a.

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

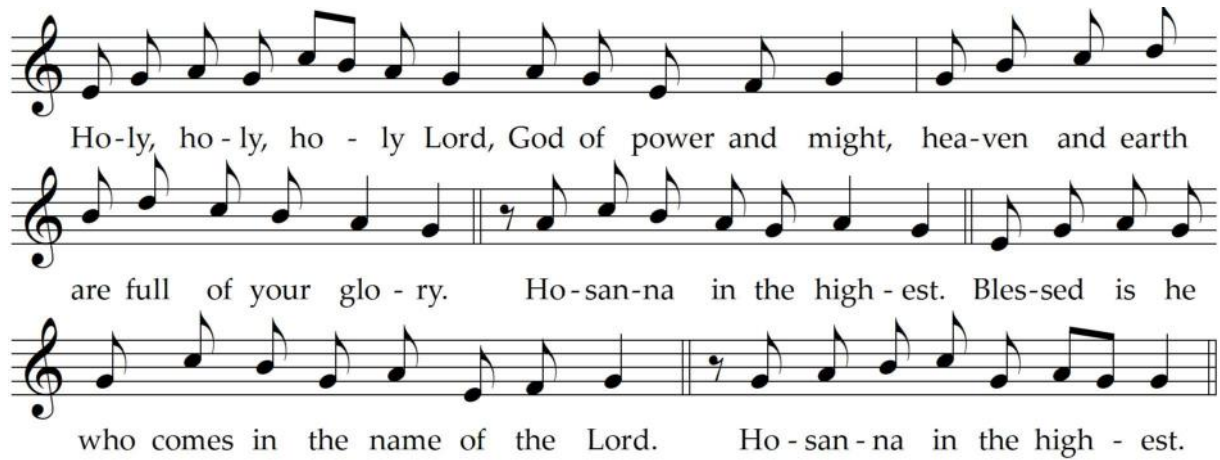
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him,
the Virgin Mother longed for him
with love beyond all telling,
John the Baptist sang of his coming
and proclaimed his presence when he came.

It is by his gift that already we rejoice
at the mystery of his Nativity,
so that he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth
are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my body
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the cup
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with Geoffrey our Bishop
and all those whose lives bring hope to this world.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God,
Mary Magdalene and all the Saints
who have pleased you throughout the ages,
we may be worthy to stand in your presence
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom and with whom and in whom,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honours is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the 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.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is said.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

All receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be administered in one kind only.

Communicants are asked to approach the priest in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Isaiah 7.14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

All stand to sing the hymn



Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:

Alleluya!

God appears, on earth to reign.

- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing
shall the true Messiah see.

- 4 Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own;
O come quickly;
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley 1707–88

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again,
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing. **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,
joyful in hope and active in charity. **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR SERVICE TIMES

The schedule of worship will remain largely unchanged during the Christmas/New Year period, but for completeness' sake the schedule for the coming two weeks, with special services marked, will be as follows:

- Tuesday 22 December, Mass at 12.10 pm
- Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve), 12.10 pm Mass cancelled
- **Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve) 11.30 pm, Midnight Mass**
- **Friday 25 December (Christmas Day), 10 am, Solemn Mass**
- Sunday 27 December (Holy Family), 10 am Sung Mass
- Tuesday 29 December, 12.10 pm Mass
- Thursday 31 December, 12.10 pm Mass
- **Friday 1 January (Naming & Circumcision of Jesus), 10 am Sung Mass**

Thereafter the regular schedule of Sunday and weekday Mass resumes.

LATEST COVID RESTRICTIONS

The state of alert about the Covid-19 pandemic remains high, and the emergence of a cluster of infections in New South Wales is of great concern, but in South Australia the **policy on physical distancing has returned to the 1 person per 2 square metre rule**. This obviously does not apply to family units, but all others must take greater care to ensure that they are suitably distanced from other worshippers. This will result in the effective uncapping of the capacity of the church, subject to physical distancing, though active steps must be taken to ensure everyone is well-spaced.

The capacity of the main hall has returned to 30 people, with a further 8 able to be accommodated in the kitchenette, and 12 in the front room of the Hall.

This is still a significant reduction in the capacity of the Hall and affects all our user groups, especially the AA groups and the Drop In Centre. Please keep everyone in your prayers.

Congregational singing has thankfully resumed. Our thanks to our musicians who have once again stepped in to provide our worship with the joy of song during the pause on congregational singing in the past month.

CONTACT TRACING

All places covered by a Covid-Safe Plan – including the Church and the Mission Hall – must keep contact tracing records of all users by using the mandatory COVID SAfe Check-In system.

- Both the church and the hall will be supplied with a QR code to print off and display.
- It is mandatory for all relevant activities with a COVID-Safe plan to display their QR code from Tuesday 1 December.
- On arrival, visitors must check in by scanning the QR code using the mySA GOV COVID SAfe Check-In tile (at the bottom of the screen) on their mobile phone. Data will be collected and stored securely online for 28 days, only released to SA Health for official contact tracing purposes.
- A paper recording log will be available as a back-up if visitors don't have a smartphone with internet connection.

Our worship will continue to be supported by Covid Marshals, including Jim Perriman, Peter Burdon, Peter Turner and Fr Graeme. If others would like to do the free training to share in this responsibility, please let it be known.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	12 noon	Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (Church open 11.30 am – 1 pm)
Thursday	No 12.10 pm Mass today. 11.30 pm	Midnight Mass of Christmas
Friday	10 am	Solemn Mass of Christmas Day
Sunday	10 am	Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Graeme. Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

Our Details: Bank: Bankwest, 8 Rundle Mall, Adelaide 5000
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The Magdalene Centre

*A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street,
St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA*

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Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Goods for the Bargain Centre are not able to be accepted at the present time owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Magdalene (Drop-In Centre)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support,
and who are seeking meals and companionship throughout the week.

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Locum Priest: Fr Graeme Kaines

In addition to being present at times when the Church is open, Fr Graeme is also available to speak by phone on Tuesday & Thursday between 2 and 3 pm; and on Wednesday & Friday between 11 am and 3 pm. Phone 8357 6799.

In an emergency, please contact Fr Graeme on 0411 693 472

Next Sunday, 27 December, at 10 am – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings: Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 • Galatians 4.4-7 • Luke 2.22-40

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the Covid-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to racist violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.

Pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Valerie,
David, Sim, Chris, Clarice, Philip, Phyllis, Dulice, Jasmin and Henry.

Pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. *Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*