

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24TH DECEMBER 2017

ST PAUL'S: 9AM

ST DAVID'S: 8.30AM



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, MANUKA
DIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S AND ST DAVID'S CHURCHES

Welcome! On behalf of the clergy and people of St Paul's Church, Manuka and St David's, Red Hill. A large-print version of this bulletin is available from the sidespeople and at St Paul's a hearing loop is installed in the first five rows. *Please silence all phones and pagers for our worship.*

Visitors. If you are visiting, let us know. We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Hall.

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8.30AM - ST DAVID'S

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Gathering in God's Name

HYMN - TIS 302

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 blessed 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!

Words: Basque Carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould 1834–1924. Tune: *Gabriel's message*.

THE FOURTH CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF JOY

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent and we light the candle of joy.

When the angel told Mary that Jesus was to be born she was filled with joy. As she sang her soul magnified the Lord and she rejoiced in God her Saviour. May the presence of Jesus in the world bring joy to those who have none. May Jesus bring healing, peace and hope to all who hear the holy name of Jesus.

The fourth candle is lit

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we have in Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for your promises to come true, and for the Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

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SENTENCE (8.30am only)

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 FOR THE DAY

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 Ministry of the Word

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

Please be seated

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 forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

SONG OF MARY (ABPA P. 31) *(Said by all the congregation at 8.30am and sung by the cantors at 10am)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**For you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant:
From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me:
and holy is your name.

**You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.**

You have shown strength with your arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

A READING FROM ROMANS 16:25-27

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 forever! Amen.

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thanks be to God

HYMN — TIS 317

**1. Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.**

**2. Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?**

**3. Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbours,
love for plea and gift and sign.**

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti 1830–94 *alt.*
Tune: *Hermitage*

THE HOLY GOSPEL — LUKE 1:26-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

✠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 forever, 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.

**THE SERMON - ST PAUL'S - THE VENERABLE DR BRIAN DOUGLAS
- ST DAVID'S - THE REVEREND CANON JOHN CAMPBELL**

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

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THE GREETING OF PEACE - Page 127

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN — TIS 290 (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

1. Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.
2. O that birth for ever blessèd
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Spirit's power conceiving
bore the saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.
3. This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.
4. In the heights of heaven adore him,
angel hosts his praises sing,
all dominions bow before him
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice together sing
evermore and evermore.

Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-c. 413 *tr.* John Mason Neale 1818-66 Henry Williams Baker 1827-77 and others.
Tune: *Corde Natus*

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

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HYMN — TIS 161

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. **Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!**
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. **Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!**
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926– based on Luke 1:46–55 in The New English Bible. Tune: *Woodlands*.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers: The Sick: Chris Champion, Sean Forster, Diana Hanna, Alya Henry, Deanne Mayne, Anthea Moller, Avis Parry, Gillian Raymond, Elaine Roberts, Bob Webb, Pam Wright.

Anniversaries: Dorothy Harris, Paul McKay.

To add a name, call or email the parish office. The person's permission is required. Names remain on the prayer list for four Sundays only, unless the parish office is advised otherwise.

Pastoral visits for the sick. Please let the Parish office know if you know of someone who is sick who may appreciate a pastoral visit.

News and Announcements

Christmas Bowl. Each year we contribute the collection at the St Paul's Carols to the Christmas Bowl. If you were unable to attend the Carol service there are Christmas Bowl envelopes at the back of the church for placement on the collection plate.

The Anglicare Disaster Recovery Team for Canberra South needs more volunteers.

Anglicare provides teams of volunteers in Canberra to be competent and confident to play an important role during natural emergencies in the ACT or neighbouring NSW. To learn what is required of volunteers and the training provided, please contact Les Böhm, the Anglicare DR Canberra South Team Leader on les.bohm@gmail.com or mobile 04070-31736.

Anglican News. The December issue is now available on the diocesan website (anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/).

Office Closure: The parish office will be closed until Tuesday 17th January.

Op Shop Christmas closure. The Op Shop will be closed until the third Friday in January.

Discovery @ St Paul's is in recess until we meet again on the last Wednesday of January, 31st.

The ministry team wishes all parishioners a happy and holy Christmas
and peace and joy in the new year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

ST PAUL'S

Christmas Eve

6pm (Eucharist of Children with Nativity Play)

11pm (Midnight Eucharist).

Christmas Day

Eucharists at 7, 8 and 10am.

ST DAVID'S

Christmas Day.

8.30am

NEXT SUNDAY –31ST DECEMBER - EPIPHANY

LECTIONARY TEXTS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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