

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17TH DECEMBER 2017

ST PAUL'S: 8AM & 10AM

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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| 8AM - ST PAUL'S | 8.30AM - ST DAVID'S | 10AM - ST PAUL'S |
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10am Setting: (choir) Richard Proulx (1937-2010) *Missa Emmanuel*

Gathering in God's Name

INTROIT at 10am: Plainsong *Creator of the stars of night*

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Jesu, Saviour of us all, regard thy servants when they call. At thy great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own, that thou art Lord and King alone. All praise eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Spirit blest for evermore. Amen.

HYMN - TIS 447

1. Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

Words: John Marriott 1780-1825 *alt.* Tune: *Moscow*

THE THIRD CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF LOVE

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: Today is the third Sunday in Advent and we light the candle of love.

John the Baptist spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comfort and being ready to die for what he believed. John taught we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

The third candle is lit

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people. Give us peace in our hearts. We ask that as we wait for you 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 peace with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

The service continues on page 119.

SENTENCE (8.30am only)

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God. *Isaiah 61.1-2*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A READING FROM ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

Please be seated

THE spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations... For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

PSALM 126 (*Said by the congregation in alternate verses at 8am, by all the congregation at 8.30am and sung by the cantors at 10am*)

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 **Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.**
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 **Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.**

7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

HYMN — TIS 272

- 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**
- 2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**
- 3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**
- 4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88. Tune: Stuttgart

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10am only)

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Choir: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL — JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

✠Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light... This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do

not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

For the gospel of the Lord
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON - ST PAUL’S - THE VENERABLE HARTLEY HANSFORD
- ST DAVID’S - THE REVEREND CANON JOHN CAMPBELL
A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN — TIS 283 (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

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.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
when he comes.
who will make him welcome?

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.
Refrain

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.
Refrain

4. Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes,
Jesus comes:
we will make him welcome.

Words: Frederick Pratt Green 1903–2000. Tune: *Theodoric*. CCLI Licence 286646 (St Paul’s) 286653 (St David’s)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Page 147 then pages 128-129

COMMUNION (at 10am - Henry Purcell (1659-1695) *Rejoice in the Lord always Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Philippians 4:4-7]*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Page 148

HYMN — TIS 276

1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,
but his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,
he is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:
but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell —
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Words: Henry Burton 1840–1930 *alt.* Tune: *There's a light upon the mountains.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

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

Today Hartley Hansford is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his priesting on **17th December.**

We are also farewelling Kelvin today. Please join us for morning tea after the 10am service.

The beautiful flowers in St Paul's today were donated by Judith Turbayne in loving memory of her mother Marjorie.

Christmas gifts for children and teens, to be distributed by Anglicare to young people who might otherwise miss out. **Today** is the last day to leave your unwrapped gift under the Christmas tree in St Paul's. If you have bought a gift but forgot to bring it today, please take it directly to Anglicare, 3/80 Beaufort Cres Holt.

Igitur Nos Chamber Choir, conducted by our Director of Music, Matthew Stuckings, will give a free lunchtime concert this Wednesday, **20th December**, from 12:30-1:15pm at the National Portrait Gallery. All welcome.

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.

Children's choir. Parish connected children, teenagers and their friends are welcome to join the children's choir which will sing at the 6pm service on Christmas Eve. Please contact greta@aerotherentic.com. Commitment is one rehearsal on 23rd December from 4-5pm and to arrive on 24th December at 5.30 for the 6pm service.

Christmas service times. At St Paul's next **Sunday** (Christmas Eve) there will be one morning service at 9am. Evening services will be at 6pm (Eucharist of Children with Nativity Play) and 11pm (Midnight Eucharist). On **Monday** (Christmas Day) there will be Eucharists at 7, 8 and 10am. At St David's there will be a Eucharist at 8.30am on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Among the excellent music in store for our Christmas services, St Paul's Choir and guests will sing Charpentier's *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* with a small orchestra at St Paul's 11pm Choral Eucharist on Christmas Eve. This is a delightful setting based on old French carols.

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

Christmas Trading Table. Many thanks to everyone who provided the beautiful craft, food and other items, those who bought them, and those who helped last Sunday, Thanks to your generosity, \$1,184.00 was raised towards the after school coaching program for refugee and migrant children run by MARSS (the Migrant and Refugee Settlement Serviced of the ACT).

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY –24TH DECEMBER - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY TEXTS: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Song of Mary (ABPA p. 31); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

8.30AM - ST DAVID'S

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9AM - ST PAUL'S

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The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas

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The Rev'd Alipate Tuineau

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Kay Pendlebury, Christine May, Roni Corne, Ian MacDiarmid

INTERCESSOR

Rob May

READERS

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