

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

ST PAUL'S: 8 & 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

**W**elcome! 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

8AM - ST PAUL'S	8.30AM - ST DAVID'S	10AM - ST PAUL'S
CELEBRANT	CELEBRANT	CELEBRANT
The Venerable John Gibson	The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas	The Rev'd Canon John Campbell
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Setting at 10am: (choir): Michael Dudman (1938-1994) *Parish eucharist*

# Gathering in God's Name

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

## **HYMN TIS 273**

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.**

*The service continues on page 119.*

## **SENTENCE**

**B**lessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1:45*

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### A READING FROM MICAH 5:2-5A

*Please be seated*

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.

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

**SONG OF MARY (APBA P. 31)** *(Said by the congregation in alternate verses at 8am, by all the congregation at 8.30am and led by the choir 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 HEBREWS 10:5-10

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, God, 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.

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

### **HYMN — TIS 454**

- 1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.**
- 2 Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for you,  
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,  
guiding your steps in the way best for you.**
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.**
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.**
- 5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1811-75 *alt.* Tune: *Was Lebet*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10am only)**

*Choir:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Congregation:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Choir:* Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

*Congregation:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL — LUKE 1:39-45**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**✠Glory to you, ✠Lord Jesus ✠Christ**

**I**n 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 leapt 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 leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

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

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

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN — TIS 317** (*During the singing of this hymn, the gifts of bread, wine and money are brought to the altar*)

**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*

**OFFERTORY PRAYERS**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Page 147 than pages 128-9**

**COMMUNION** (at 10am: choir: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987) *Jesus Christ the apple tree*  
The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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**HYMN — TIS 271**

**1 The advent of our God  
with eager prayers we greet,  
and singing hasten on his road  
his coming reign to meet.**

**2 The everlasting Son  
was born to make us free;  
and he a servant's form put on  
to gain our liberty.**

3 Let Zion now arise  
to greet her infant king,  
and gladly take with thankful heart  
the peace he comes to bring.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
he soon will come again,  
his scattered people to unite,  
with them in heaven to reign.

5 Then evil flee away  
before the rising dawn!  
Let our old nature day by day  
God's image still put on.

6 Praise to the incarnate Son  
who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever one  
to all eternity.

Words: Charles Coffin 1676–1749 tr. John Chandler 1806–76 and others. Tune: *St Thomas*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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*Please remember in your prayers: The Sick:* David Bond, Monica Freeman, Diana Hanna, Peta Hill, Andrew Livingston, Douglas May, Ella Nicholls, Rosemary King, Barbara Osborne.

*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.*

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## News and Announcements

*To add a notice, email or call the Parish Office by 1.30pm on the **Tuesday** before the notice is to appear.*

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

**Education for Ministry** in 2016. The St Paul's EfM group seeks new members in 2016: beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February. Details from Michael Richards (6227 5769) or Kay Pendlebury (6297 8587), see [www.efmaustralia.org](http://www.efmaustralia.org) for the new program and materials. Information session 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, 7 pm in the Mollison Room.

**Anglicare's Teens, Toys and Tucker Appeal.** Thank you to all those wonderful people who provided gifts for the Anglicare Teens Toys and Tucker Appeal. All your great gifts, especially for teens, will be really appreciated and help make someone's Christmas special..

**Christmas Cake and Goodies.** These two activities raised \$540 and \$155 respectively. This has allowed the purchase of additional letters for the parish notice board, Thanks to all who supported us. Ros Deane.

**Piano** The Deanes are moving and have an upright piano seeking a new home. Contact Ros or Robert 6288 9018.

**St Paul's office** will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 11th January inclusive.

**Wednesday services at St Paul's** continue at 10 am during January.

**Thursday services at St David's** are not held during January but will resume on the first Thursday in February, 2016.

# Christmas service times

## St Paul's

*Thursday 24 December, 2015*

6 pm Children's Eucharist and Nativity Play

11.30 Midnight Eucharist

*Friday 25 December, 2015*

7 am Holy Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer

8 am Holy Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia

10 am Sung Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia

## St David's

*Thursday 24 December, 2015*

10 am Holy Eucharist

*Friday 25 December, 2015*

8.30 am Holy Eucharist - A Prayer Book for Australia

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**NEXT SUNDAY – 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

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**LECTIONARY TEXTS:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.

### 8.30AM - ST DAVID'S

#### CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Canon John Campbell

#### PREACHER

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Duncan Anderson,

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#### SIDESPEOPLE & READERS

Glenn Rees, Diana Carroll

#### MORNING TEA

Caroline Shelton, Eleanor Scott-Findlay

#### ORGANIST

TBA

### 9AM - ST PAUL'S

#### CELEBRANT

The Rev'd Susan Bridge

#### PREACHER

The Rev'd Susan Bridge

#### DEACON

The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas

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The Venerable John Gibson

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