

Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020

8am & 9.30am



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**St Andrew's
Church
WALKERVILLE**

Today's Services

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

Preacher & Celebrant The Rev'd Sam Goodes

Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:

A light no darkness can quench.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Lighting the Advent Candles

People of God: return! You are called to be God's own. From the mountains announce the good news. God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways. You are God's children.

Lord make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever.

Amen.

Sentence of the Day

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*

Prayer of Preparation

(Let us Pray)

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution:

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

A pause for reflection.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sin in penitence and faith.

**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.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sin,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

(Let us pray)

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-4,8-11

After the reading

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

Psalm 126

**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.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

After the reading

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

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8,19-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter one, beginning at the sixth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says...

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

Sermon

Affirmation 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray for the Spirit's guidance in the world and for the church

The response to each petition is:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After the intercessions:

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us
to pray:

**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.**

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

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

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

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving 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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

By his death on the cross

and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine, and we pray
that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers
of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sin of the whole world.

(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith)

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are yours for ever and ever, Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

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.

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy
Sacrament of the body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in
remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by
faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

(Let us pray)

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.

As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out, in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

Blessing & Dismissal

Christ the Sun of Righteousness
shine upon you,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty;
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
In the name of Christ. Amen!

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Christmas Service Times:

Sunday 20th December - Family Lessons & Carols @ 6pm

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve Eucharist @ 11pm

Friday 25th December - Christmas day Eucharist @ 8am & 9.30 am

Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMPSX>

A reminder that following Christmas we will have only
one service at **9am** on the following Sundays:

December 27th, 2020

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st, 2021

8am & 9.30am services resume on Sunday February 7th, 2021

For your Prayers this week

The Nations and People of the Earth:

The people of China.

All who continue to suffer in the wake of natural disaster.

Warring nations and those who are oppressed.

The Church and its Mission:

The Church of the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury): Bp Timothy Thornton.

The work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Commission (NATSIAC).

The South Sudanese Congregation, St Luke's Whitmore Square:

Priest: John Magak

We give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

At St Andrew's we pray for:

Our parish community as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and welcome visitors to our services.

Sally Sandford-Morgan, as she continues her Theological Education, and as she prepares for her placement at St. Jude's Brighton in 2021.

Ourselves and our Community:

For Community Christmas events coming up.

Police and emergency services personnel.

School children and families as the holidays begin.

Special Prayer Request:

Marianne Cannon, Michael L., Neil Hurst, David, Andrew M.

The Departed

Thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith:

John of the Cross, *mystic and teacher (d 1591)*

December 14

Notices

In the Parish

- ❖ **Stamps for ABM:** I am collecting used stamps (old and new) of all denominations for the Anglican Board of Mission as a good source of income for their work. If possible, it is a great help if the stamps are cut off the envelopes leaving a small margin of paper around each one. Thanks for all your past donations of stamps and for those to come. *Rosalie Harding*

- ❖ **COVID-19 restrictions:** Parish Council met last week, and we are making our plans for Advent and Christmas worship in the firm hope that we expect to resume congregational singing and allow increased attendees by Christmas. The announcement by the Premier of eased restrictions from Monday 14th December mean that we can accommodate 100 people in the church for Christmas services. Bookings will be essential, especially for the Christmas Eve service, which is traditionally our largest service.

- ❖ **Magdalene Centre:** Please be generous in your support of the work of the Magdalene Centre by bringing non-perishable goods for the basket at the back of the church. It is vital that we are able to help people in need at this time of the year, particularly.

Diary Dates

Sunday 13 December	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
Advent 3	9.30 am	Said Eucharist
Tuesday 15 December	10.30 am	Faith & Fellowship (P. Centre)
Friday 18 December	10.30 am	Tai Chi (Parish Centre)
Sunday 20 December	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
Advent 4	9.30 am	Said Eucharist with hymns
	6pm	Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24 December	11.00pm	Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Eve		
Thursday 24 December	8.00am	Said Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Day	9.30am	Said Eucharist with Carols
Sunday 27 December	9.00 am	Said Eucharist
Christmas 1		
Sunday 3 January, 2021	9.00 am	Said Eucharist
Christmas 2		

Readings for next Sunday (Advent 4)

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Psalm: The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Rosters for this Sunday 13th December (Advent 3)

Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00 am	Sandy Facy
	9.30 am	Robin Coleman
Prayer Leader	9.30am	The Rev'd Helen Gibson-White
Lay Assistants:	8.00 am	Liz Owen
	9.30 am	Nil
Sidespersons:	8.00 am	Jan DeWit & Sandy Facy
	9.30 am	Sally Zimmerman & Roy Ingram
Morning Tea:		Val Ingram, and Suzanne Sexton

Rosters for next Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00 am	Brian Zwar
	9.30 am	Lyn Dow
Prayer Leader	9.30am	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants:	8.00 am	Liz Owen
	9.30 am	Nil
Sidespersons:	8.00 am	Brian Zwar
	9.30 am	Michael Thomas & Robin Coleman
Morning Tea:		Frances Wilson, Molly Radakovitch, and Joan Beer

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Proudly Support

St. Andrew's, Walkerville Christmas Services

Sunday
20 December

Lessons & Carols

6pm

Family service of
readings and singing

Thursday
24 December

Christmas Eve

11pm

Christmas Eve
Eucharist

Communion with
Carols

Friday
25 December

Christmas Day

8am

Eucharist with Carols

9.30am

Eucharist with Carols

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