The Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2022 8am & 9.30am



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St Andrew's Church WALKERVILLE

Today's Services - 8am & 9.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd Sam Goodes

(at 9.30am) Hymn (please stand)

1. Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long! Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

- 2. He comes the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held; the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 3. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
- 4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim; and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Philip Dodderidge (1702–51)

Greeting

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you; And also with you.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

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** We light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. Jesus, light of our world, we hope for change in our own lives and in your world.

We watch and work and wait together in hope. Amen.

Sentence of the Day

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' *Isaiah 35:3-4*

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.

Kyrie (sung at 9.30am)

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**, Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**, Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**.



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 sins 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)

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**. First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

After the reading

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

Psalm: The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his name. God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation. The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit, Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy, The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Reading: James 5.7-10

After the reading

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

(at 9.30am) Hymn (please stand)

- 1. With Mary let my soul rejoice, and praise God's holy name his saving love from first to last, from age to age, the same!
- 2. How strong his arm, how great his power! the proud he will disown; the meek and humble he exalts to share his glorious throne.
- 3. The rich our God will send away and feed the hungry poor; the arms of love remain outstretched at mercy's open door.
- 4. So shall God's promise be fulfilled, to Israel firmly made: a child is born, a Son is given whose crown will never fade.
- 5. All glory to the Father, Son and Spirit now proclaim; with Mary let the world rejoice and praise God's holy name!

David Mowbray (b.1938)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter eleven, beginning at the second 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 – Celebrant

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

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 (please sit or kneel) – please refer to Prayer Cycle on page 17 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:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Approach

Let us pray

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Greeting of Peace (please stand)

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

(at 9.30am) Hymn

- 1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
- 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Christ be our light...*
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Christ be our light*...
- 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Christ be our light*...
- 5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *Christ be our light*...

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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.**

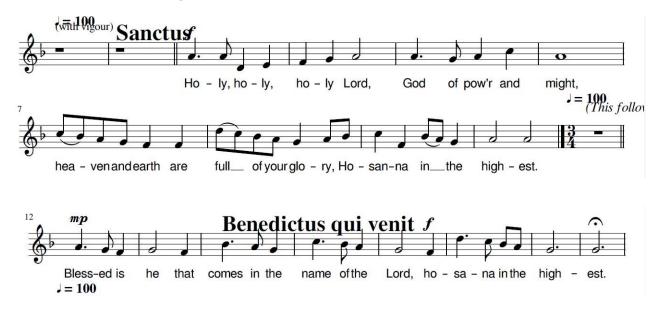
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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: (*sung at 9.30am*)

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.

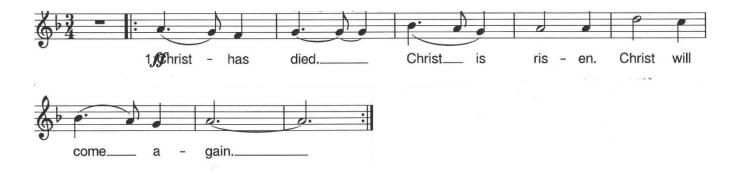
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

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.

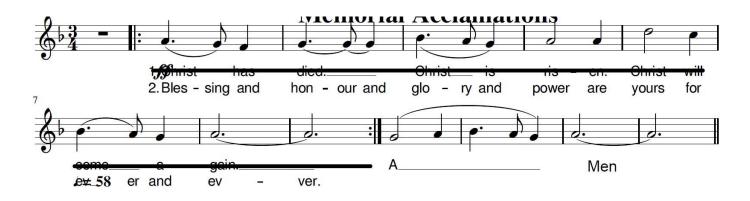
(Let us proclaim the mystery of faith) (sung at 9.30am)

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. (*sung at 9.30am*)

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



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

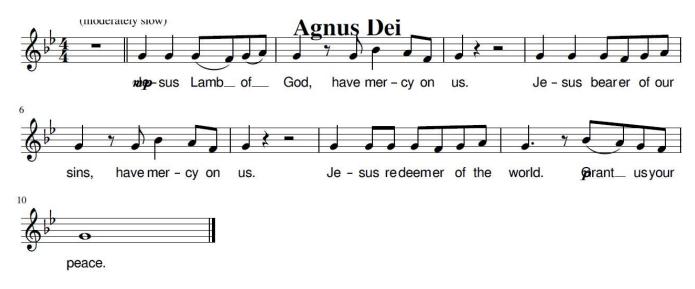
Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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. (sung at 9.30am)

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.

Administration of Communion

(at 9.30am) Hymn

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son. precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit til the work on earth is done.

- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. *Thank you, O my Father*...
- 3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face, and there I'll serve my King for ever in that holy place. *Thank you, O my Father*...

Melody Green vv 1, 2; Keith Green v. 3

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

(at 9.30am) Hymn

- 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.
- 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!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Organ Postlude – we sit in reflection

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come", by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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If you are new today, welcome! Contact cards are available for you to complete today. We would love to get your contact details so that we can keep you up to date with the life of the parish.

Please ask one of our friendly welcomers for a card, and return it to them (or place it in the offertory bowl) when you have completed it. Many thanks.

For your Prayers this week

The Nations and People of the Earth:

The people of Columbia, in the wake of devastating landslides in that country which have killed dozens of people.

Pray for the people of Indonesia, as Mount Semeru continues to erupt, displacing thousands of people and threatening lives.

The Church and its Mission:

The Anglican Church of Kenya. Primate Abp. Jackson Ole Sapit. St Columba College. Principal Leanne Carr, Chaplain vacant. Diocese of Gippsland. Bishop Richard Treloar.

We give thanks for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, remembering especially the work of the Zambia Anglican Council.

At St Andrew's we pray for:

The school community of St. Andrew's, as they prepare to celebrate Speech Night and Valedictory Services this week. Those who will be married and those to be Baptised here at St. Andrew's this week.

Ourselves and our Community:

The students, staff, and families of St. Monica's Parish School. Those who serve us in our daily lives.

Special Prayer Request:

Barbara Colbert, Cicily, Zina, Helen, Victoria, Sue

The Departed

Thanks giving for those who have gone before us in faith:

Lucy, martyr & virgin13John of the Cross, mystic & teacher14

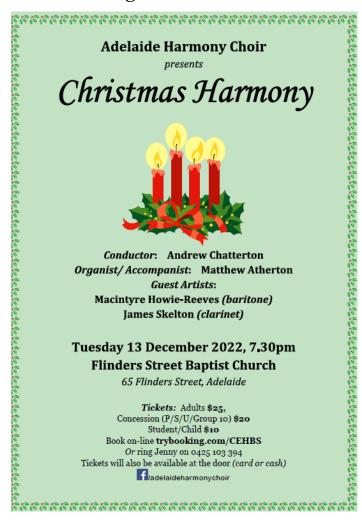
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Notices

Christmas Bowl: Envelopes to support the work of the Christmas Bowl are available at the back of the Church.



Lessons & Carols: At 6pm on Sunday 18th December, the young people of the parish will lead a service of Nine Lessons & Carols. All are welcome to this beautiful service, during which we hear the Christmas Story, sing well-loved Carols, and the Nativity Figures arrive at the Manger.



THANK-YOU!!

On behalf of Anglicare SA, can I please thank you for your generosity in supporting the Anglicare Food and Toy Drive over the past month. The representatives who came to pick up all the donations on Monday were overwhelmed by the volume of the donations, and expressed their gratitude for our support of this venture.



- Important News Defibrilator: Please note that we now have an Automated External Defibrilator (AED) in place in the case of a cardiac emergency. The AED is located in the library, on the right hand wall as you enter. It is in an alarmed cabinet (for security) and will be regularly checked to ensure it is operational in case it is needed. Please familiarise yourself with its location so that you can access it quickly in the case of emergencies.
- Christmas Market: Thanks to Donna and all involved in this event. We raised \$261.30 from this occasion for the parish. In addition. Jill Berry raised further money from sales of her delicious Christmas Cakes. Thanks, Jill!! ⁽²⁾

Diary Dates

Sunday 11 December Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am 11.30 am	Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist Baptism (Burt)
Monday 12 December Tuesday 13 December Wednesday 14 December	11.15am 12.30pm	5 ()
Friday 16 December	9.45am	Tai Chi (Parish Centre) Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 17 December	9.30am	8
Sunday 18 December	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Advent 4	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Sung Eucharist Baptism (Small) Service of Lessons & Carols
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Wednesday 21 December Saturday 24 December	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm 10.30am 5.30pm	Sung Eucharist Baptism (Small) Service of Lessons & Carols Allity Eucharist Baptism (Richardson)

Readings for next Sunday 18th December (Advent 4)

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Rosters

Rosters for this	s Sunday 1	1 th December (Advent 3)
Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00am	Janet Martin
	9.30am	Biffy Ormsby
Prayer Leader	9.30am	Sam Goodes
Lay Assistants	s: 8.00am	Liz Owen
-	9.30am	Donna Coombe
Server	9.30am	Michael Thomas
Sidespersons:	8.00am	Jan de Wit
-	9.30am	Sally Zimmerman & Roy Ingram
Morning Tea:		Val Ingram & Suzanne Sexton
Rosters for nex	xt Sunday 1	8 th December (Advent 4)
Celebrant & Pr	5	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00am	Brian Zwar
	9.30am	Suzanne Sexton
Prayer Leader	9.30am	Wayne Butcher
Lay Assistants		Liz Owen
2	9.30am	Biffy Ormsby
Server	9.30am	John Beer
Sidespersons:	8.00am	Brian Zwar
-	9.30am	Michael Thomas & Robin Coleman
Morning Tea:		Frances, Molly & Joan
Rosters for Ch	ristmas Eve	e (Saturday 24 th December @ 11.00pm)
Celebrant & Pr		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:		Rob Dow
Prayer Leader		Lyn Dow (provided)
Lay Assistants	5:	Mel Dow
2		Dede Stoba
Server		Cam Dow
Sidespersons:		Rob Dow & Sally Zimmerman

Rosters for Christmas Day	y I	(Sunday 25 th December)
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Celebrant & P	reacher:	The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	8.00am	Ray Newell
	9.30am	Robin Coleman
Prayer Leader	9.30am	Lyn Dow (provided)
Lay Assistants	s: 8.00am	Liz Owen
-	9.30am	Wayne Butcher
Server	9.30am	Hannah Goodes
Sidespersons:	8.00am	Ray Newell & Brian Zwar
-	9.30am	Robin Coleman & Rob Dow
Morning Tea:		NO Morning Tea

Rosters for Sunday 1st January, 2022 (Epiphany)

Celebrant & Preacher:		The Rev'd Sam Goodes
Readers:	9.00am	Liz Owen
Prayer Leader	e 9.00am	Sam Goodes
Lay Assistant	s: 9.00am	Dede Stoba
Server:	9.00am	Joshua Goodes
Sidespersons:	9.00am	Liz Owen
Morning Tea:		Needra Silva & Sally Zimmerman

Rosters for Sunday 8th January (Baptism of our Lord)

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9.00am	Janet Martin
9.00am	Michael Thomas
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9.00am	Hannah Goodes
9.00am	Sally Zimmerman & Roy Ingram
	Suzanne Sexton & Val Ingram
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