



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Burwood

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Gaudete Sunday

Sunday 15 December 2024

8:00AM SAID EUCHARIST

Welcome to St Paul's

We warmly welcome you and are glad that you have come to worship God with us today on the Third Sunday in Advent.

Whether you are visiting for a short while, have moved here and are joining our Parish, or are returning to your faith, I welcome you to St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood.

This historic church, dedicated to St Paul the Apostle & Martyr, was designed by the Australian colonial architect Edmund Blackett. It had its foundation stone laid on 29 July 1871 and the first service was held in the church on Saturday 27 April 1872. Since its earliest days St Paul's has maintained a fine reputation for liturgy and music in the Tractarian tradition.

We are very glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you. Refreshments (tea/coffee), when served, are available in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The hall can be found by turning left when leaving the church. May God richly bless you!

Peace,
Fr James Collins OAM
Rector

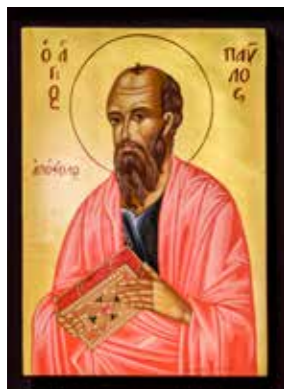
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Icon (left): Icon of St Paul in the Chapel of Our Lady.

ADVENT SUNDAY WREATH LITURGY

The Advent wreath in the church is a traditional way of counting down to Christmas. It has 3 purple candles, one rose pink and a white candle in the centre to remind us of Jesus, the light of the world. We use purple because it is the colour of penitence and forgiveness but it is also the colour of royalty in this season of waiting for the coming of the King. The Advent wreath is always a circle to represent God's unending love for us and is made of evergreen leaves to represent eternal life. The rose pink candle is a blending of the white of the joy to come at Christmas and the purple (in some traditions, red) of the other candles.

This year, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord, we acknowledge that many parts of our world are at war, that the innocent suffer and the leaders of the nations seem helpless to bring about peace. In response to this we will include a prayer for peace in our Advent Wreath Liturgy each week.

Please stand as the bell is rung and the sanctuary party processes to the chancel.

Greeting

The priest greets the congregation.

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The priest continues with the opening sentence:

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

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.

The Lighting of the Wreath

We relight the candles of Hope and Peace. Today we light the candle of Joy as we share in the joy that came into the world in Christ Jesus.

Loving God, we are people of Joy. As we share in the Joy of Mary, the Mother of the Lord, help us to turn the sadness of others into joy, through our prayers and actions. Amen

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Kyrie

The congregation repeats each petition after the priest.

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

Collect

The priest says the collect of the day.

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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.

Please sit for the readings and psalm.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14–20

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Isaiah

The verses are said alternately between the reader and the congregation.

Please observe a short break at the colon in the middle of each verse.

‘Behold, God is my salvation: *(pause)*
I will trust and will not be afraid;

‘**For the Lord God is my strength and my song: *(pause)*
and has become my salvation.**’

With joy you will draw water: *(pause)*
from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say: *(pause)*
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;**

‘Make known his deeds among the nations: *(pause)*
proclaim that his name is exalted.

‘**Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously: *(pause)*
let this be known in all the world.**

4 ‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: *(pause)*

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4–7

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

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Melody in *Scottish Psalter* 1615

Harmony from *Ravenscroft’s Psalmes* 1621



- 1 The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death’s surrounding night.
- 2 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.
- 3 His power increasing still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.

John Morison (1750-98)
based on Isaiah 9.2–7

Remain standing for the gospel.

Gospel: Luke 3.7–18

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel:

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

Sermon

Fr Mark Battison
Honorary Assisting Priest

Please stand for the Creed.

Creed

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.

Please kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of the Faithful

The following response is used:

Come, O God for whom we wait, and in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the following is recited:

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.

A selection of Scripture sentences may be used, concluding with the Prayer of Approach:

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.

Confession and Absolution

The priest introduces the confession.

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

(Silence may be kept)

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.

The priest pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

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.

The greeting of peace is exchanged through a silent bow towards those seated around you.

Please remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

An offertory is taken for the work of the parish. This can be done in cash via the collection plate, direct debit using the details on page 12 or by scanning the QR code to make your offering directly from your mobile phone.

There is also a donation point at the West Door where you can tap your card.



Offertory Hymn

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Melody by Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)
Harmony by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



- 1 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song
Swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.
- 2 Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare
To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.
- 3 Every soul in thee rejoices;
From men and from angelic voices

Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise
To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Phillip Nicolai (1556-1608)
Tr. F C Burkitt (1864-1935)

The Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

The priest continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Sanctus & Benedictus

**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.**

Please kneel. The priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *or* Great is 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 and glory and power,
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever,
Amen.**

The breaking of the bread

The priest breaks the bread and says the following:

[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.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word
and I shall be healed.**

Communion

Communion is distributed along the length of the communion rail.

Please form a single line on the Organ side of the nave and return on the Pulpit side.

Post-Communion Prayer

The priest says the following seasonal prayer:

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. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest says this seasonal Blessing:

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

✠ **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Please stand for the final hymn.

Final Hymn

HELMSLEY 87 87 47

Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-99)
Included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765



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| 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign. | 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars! |
| 2 Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see. | 4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come! |

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Please sit for the notices.

Postlude

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen Op. 122, No. 8

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

To maintain the prayerfulness of the liturgy, it is requested that there be no applause at the end of the organ postlude. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay, listen or pray.

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Parish Prayer List

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In our Parish cycle of prayer we pray for Anglicare.

We bring before God those in our community who need the reassurance of your loving care for them. We pray particularly for:

Belinda, Pam Brock, James Budin, Florence, David, Merle Gorman, Graham Griffiths, Gwen Hackett, Lily, Clyde Livingstone, Yolande Phillips, Pam Priest, Fr Ron Silarsah, Tammy, King Charles, Catherine Princess of Wales, Joyce Bannister, Barry Brandy, Dale Berry, John Burns, Betty Daniels, Deb Edmeades, Debbie, Elsie Dunnam, Kerryanne Graham, Malcolm Green, Barbara Hawkins, Karen, Enid Kell, Terry Kelly, Helen Kingsley, Terry and Betsy McKay, Melissa Moore, Sally Palmer, Winnie Pang, Michelle Phillips, Robert, John Sorensen, Peter Sorensen, Sylvia, Anne Wardle, Bill Whittle, Bob Woods, and others known to us.

We pray for their carers, medical staff and families.

We pray too for those we have loved and lost for just a while, particularly Jonathan Bryant, and those who have their year's mind at this time:

Alison Powell, Joan Stirling Coucher, Yvonne Patricia Prince, Colin Clyde Frakes, Clement Harold Randal Laurence, George Harvey, Raymond Poulton, Morna Stopani.

✠ May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

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CAROL SERVICE

5:00pm Sunday 15 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24 December
9:30pm Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December
9:00am Choral Eucharist

Fr James Collins OAM
Rector



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The Advent to Epiphany edition of *The Epistle*, the quarterly publication of St Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood, is now available.

Cost: \$10.00

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8:00am Said Eucharist – *with hymns*

10:00am Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Wednesdays:

10:30am Eucharist

Fridays:

5:30pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Eucharist

Seasonal Services:

6:00pm Choral Eucharist – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

Special services are held during the year to mark Feast Days and other days of seasonal significance. These are advertised in the pew bulletin and on our website.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays as advertised:

5:00pm Choral Evensong – *with the Choir of St Paul's*

For further information please visit our website: stpaulsburwood.org.au



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