



SUNDAY  
DECEMBER

12



ADVENT

3

2021

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand  
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

## INTROIT

*O Oriens; O Rex Gentium*

*Great O Antiphons*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**The Baptist shouts on Jordan's shore,**  
the earth shakes with the mighty roar,  
awake, let lazy sleep now flee:  
behold, the voice of prophecy!

The earth and sky and sea now feel  
that which their Author will reveal:  
the Child now leaping in the womb  
as God does human form assume.

Clean up your hearts, lay down the way,  
for God approaches day by day;  
prepare for such a worthy heir,  
for such a guest your house prepare.

Through you, O Jesus, you alone  
salvation, solace, strength are known;  
without your love we fade like grass,  
like wilted flowers our lives will pass.

O One who comes to set us free,  
O Child, to you our song will be,  
with Father, Spirit mothering,  
to you shall praise for ever ring!

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*

*Tune: Winchester New, melody adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)  
from a chorale in the 'Musikalisches Hand-Buch', Hamburg, 1690. TIS 270*

# WELCOME

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

*Liturgist:*

Watch, wait, hope!

Even now, the tender leaves of joy  
may be growing on the trees of life.

Watch, wait, hope!

For the wonder of new love  
may be moving towards its birthing.

**The Christ will come.**

**The Word of God will not fail us.**

Keep awake!

For the shadows of our doubt will be lifted  
and singing sounds in the distance.

**The Christ will come.**

**The Word of God will not fail us.**<sup>1</sup>

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Gracious God,  
for foundations of joy and delight in our brother Jesus  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For situations where it is painful to rejoice  
**we ask for your wisdom.**

For the relentless pursuit of your joy  
**we light this candle.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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<sup>1</sup> Dorothy McRae-McMahon "Liturgies for High Days", adapted

# RECONCILIATION

*Liturgist:*

When joy is hard to find open our eyes to look again, O God.  
Open our minds to search again for your presence and your purpose.  
Loving Spirit, search our hearts and meet us in this place.

*Silence*

Within our darkest night, you kin-dle the fire that never dies a -  
way, never dies a - way. Within our darkest night, you kin-dle the  
fire that nev-er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

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We know that we are the ones who are divided  
and we are the ones who must come back together.  
May we learn love, compassion, and honour  
that we may heal the earth, each other, and ourselves.

*Priest:*

May we know the grace of forgiveness  
and offer that grace to others.

May the fires of hope be rekindled among us,  
giving light and warmth to the world.

**Amen.**

## SENTENCE AND PRAYER FOR THE DAY

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to God, proclaim God's name.

*Isaiah 12:3-4*

**God our joy,**

**open our minds and hearts to sing your new song,  
a song of justice and hope.**

**May our baptism remind us that we are yours,  
never let us go.**

**We pray this through the One  
in whose constant coming we trust,  
whose day is always near.**

**Amen. <sup>3</sup>**

## THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians.

*Philippians 4:4-7*

Let us wait,

**and hope in God.**

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<sup>3</sup> *Harrison/ McAlpine and Jim Cotter*

## GRADUAL HYMN

God was in Christ and in that frame,  
a human child, God truly came.

In us is held all that God is –  
the will to good, the well of peace.

The spark to fire the shape of stars,  
**the shout of joy and passion's scars.**

That child is born time after time:  
in each of us God dreams a dream.

God is in us, by love conceived,  
in struggle born, in faith believed.

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020). Tune: Cornelia, Colin Gibson. HioS 49*

## THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke,  
chapter three, beginning at verse seven.



Shine on our path -ways.

*Luke 3:7-18*

This is the Gospel of Christ.



May we hear wis - dom.

## THE SERMON

## SILENCE

## THE ANTHEM

*Song of Mary*

*Richard Shephard*

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Liturgist:*

Let us pray for those far and near, people and places,  
powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

## THE PEACE

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.*

We commit ourselves to live in peace as we work for it  
**to kindle peace within, between and beyond us.**

For the peace of Jesus is an active peace  
**building, bridging and always dreaming.**

*Please turn and greet those around you with peace.*

*Please refrain from shaking hands.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN <sup>4</sup>

Come with the sound of trumpet,  
come with the beat of drum,  
come with the church bells ringing,  
Oh come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Come in the new dawn's silence,**  
come in the heat of noon,  
**come in the evening's splendour,**  
but come, Lord Jesus, soon.

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<sup>4</sup> There is a donation bowl on the back table.

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- text **stmatthew** to **818** to make a fast one off or ongoing donation by credit card to St Matthew-in-the-City or
- download the PUSHPAY app from Apple Store or Google Playstore and search for "St Matthew-in-the-City".



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Cantor* *All*

Hope is a - mong us. We are God's\_\_ light.

*Cantor* *All*

Shine then with free - dom into all the cor - ners of the world.

*Cantor* *All*

Lest fear overcome the bril - liance of life and light and lib - er - ty.

O God, Mystery of summer skies,  
we thank you in the lengthening days  
for opening our eyes to see your sunlit beauty;  
for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light;  
for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

Jesus was promised by those  
who shared your dream of peace;  
John the Baptist cleared the way  
with words of desert fire;  
Mary and Joseph accepted his coming  
with tenderness and faith;  
we know that he draws near again  
to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope  
that we might awaken to his coming among us  
and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Love called God, the sparks of hope.

Blaze, jus-tice blaze. Blest is Je - sus

who lit up our world, who lit up our world. Ho-san - na,

ho- san - na, ho - san - na to the low-est and the least.

On the night that he was betrayed,  
 your Son Christ Jesus,  
 gathered with his faltering friends  
 for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table,  
 he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

‘This is my body, which is given for you.  
 Do this to remember me.’

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
 Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.’

As on that night, so here and now  
 he offers himself in touch and taste  
 beyond all words can hold.

We of - fer bread to eat with eyes and hands held  
o - pen. We pass this cup to share. We take, break,  
bless and give kind-ling hope ev' - ry where.

Therefore, in our eating and drinking  
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;  
we proclaim him as creation's host,  
transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.  
We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts  
that these fragile, earthly things may symbolize for us  
the body and blood of our brother, Christ Jesus.

Inspire us with the Advent hope  
that one day death and greed will be no more  
and people without number will come from east and west,  
north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All honour and glory be yours, Mother of blessings,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.** <sup>5</sup>

*Please be seated.*

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<sup>5</sup> Steven Shakespeare *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, adapted

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e to tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,  
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,  
me mātou hoki e muru nei,  
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;  
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,  
Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the hope of Christ.

We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.

*We sing three times Taizé "Dona nobis pacem" (Grant us peace):*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem;



do - na - no - bis pa - cem.

# TE POWHIRI

## THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,  
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Whatever your faith and background  
all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*The bread will be brought to you - please stay seated in the pews.  
If you do not wish to receive the bread the priest will offer a blessing.*

*Te Taro, o te Ora.* The Bread of Life.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  
(from Church Cantata BWV 140)*

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Priest:*

Most loving God,  
we are thankful for all we have shared  
around this table of love.

**We are thankful that through faith,  
hope will overcome doubt,  
love will overcome fear,  
and light will overcome darkness.  
May the blessing of light be on us:  
light without and light within. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## NOTICES

## FINAL HYMN

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,**  
hidden now in mystery,  
nature bursts with joyful promise,  
ripe with what is yet to be.  
In a wealth of rich invention,  
still the work of art unfolds:  
barely have we seen, and faintly,  
**what God's great salvation holds.**

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,**  
making Jesus seen and heard.  
**Every age of God's creation**  
grasps new meaning from the Word.  
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us  
your new work begun today:  
eyes and ears and hearts are open,  
teach us what to do and say.

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,**  
**all God's children brought to birth,**  
freed from hunger, fear and evil  
every corner of the earth,  
and a million, million voices  
**speak with joy the Saviour's name;**  
every face reflects his image,  
never any two the same.

**Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,**  
nothing shall be left to chance.  
All that lives will be united  
in the everlasting dance.  
All fulfilled and all perfected,  
each uniquely loved and known,  
Christ in glory unimagined  
once for all receives his own.

*Deacon from the rear of the church:*

Go now to dream together, pray together, work together,  
to build one world of peace and justice for all.

**Amen. We go in the light and promise of Christ.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*We invite you to **keep** this copy of the Service and take it home with you  
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend **OR**  
**put in a recycling bin provided at the back of the church.***

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# SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## What's Happening

### TODAY

*Please make sure you have used the Covid tracer app to sign in; keep 1m distance; wear your mask.*

*The 10.00am service is being live streamed - it shows only the altar area.*

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### NEXT SUNDAY

Amanda Mark will have been ordained so we will celebrate in the 10.00am service and at our after church Advent and ordination party - seated at tables. Bring a punnet of strawberries or a few Christmas mince pies. There will be bubbles and juice.

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### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Parishioners no longer able to worship with us:** Jenny and Pat Blood, Molly Jenkins, Jean Jackson, Jerome Elkind

**Parishioners and friends:** Jeremy Thompson, Jeremy Younger, Jose Alburo, Rose Christie-French, Roger Mark, Barry Clayton, Jake Milbank, Xuan Lu (Lucas), Cathi Allan, Diana Valentine, Kiri Hauraki, Fiona Walsh, Phyllis Garland, Pat Drayton, John Dunn

We give thanks for the life of Heather Carter and pray for her family. Heather's funeral will be on Thursday 16 December at 1.00pm. Parishioners welcome.

**With the City Mission** we pray for the transition team as they prepare for the move from Union St to Homeground

**With the Anglican Communion** we pray for the Church of Canada

**With the Anglican Missions** we pray for our partners in New Zealand and most particularly Women's Outreach and their support of women in New Zealand and around the world.

**With the Diocese of Auckland** we pray for the Parishes of Henderson, Te Atatu and Massey

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Friday 17 December, 7.00pm** - Ordination of Amanda Mark to the diaconate, Cathedral; invited guests only; watch the livestream via the cathedral website

**Sunday 19 December** - after church Advent and ordination party - seated at tables. Bring a punnet of strawberries or a few mince pies. There will be bubbles and juice.

The tables will already be set up but we will need a couple of people to help set out the food and beverages for this special gathering. If you're keen let Pip know on [admin@stmatthews.org.nz](mailto:admin@stmatthews.org.nz)

### Christmas

**Christmas Eve 8.00pm** - Sung eucharist (this will be similar to midnight mass but earlier in the evening)

**Christmas Day 10.00am** - Sung eucharist

Registrations essential for both services. Please only come to one of the two, not to both.

**Today is the last day for parishioner only registrations - if you do not have the link or its not working for you, please email Dmitry directly and ask for help: [dmitry@stmatthews.org.nz](mailto:dmitry@stmatthews.org.nz)**

**Sunday 26 December** - No service on this day

### January

Services at 10.00am only

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## CONCERTS

**Saturday 18 December, 8.30pm** - Following 107 days of lockdown, The Candlelight Music Series is proud to present The Candlelight Music Series: Christmas Special.

Get in quick to purchase a ticket for one of the only concert experiences on offer before Christmas. Only 90 seats available due to social distancing regulations

Headlined by pianist Josh Clark, the Christmas special also features a professional vocal quartet including Nicholas Forbes (baritone), Lachlan Craig (Tenor) and Luana Proctor (Soprano), with guest soloist Pascal Roggen (Violin). Tickets sold on Eventfinder.

Vaccination passes required, masks are mandatory, please scan in on entry

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## CITY MISSION DONATIONS

Contributions of packaged, non-perishable food will be very gratefully accepted up until the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

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## THE NATIVITY PROJECT 2021: RE-GENERATION

Each year, the Nativity Project at Holy Trinity Cathedral seeks to draw attention to an important environmental or social issue. This year's theme is re-GENERATION: Supporting our native environment.

They are encouraging people to gift native trees for Christmas through Trees that Count. The aim is to raise awareness about the importance of preserving our unique native environment in New Zealand, and to raise funds to assist the regeneration of our native trees.

A nativity scene has been installed on the Cathedral forecourt, depicting the holy family as natural elements, literally 'growing' throughout Advent. The intention is that it will be in full bloom at the arrival of Jesus.

It is hoped that people will visit the installation on the Holy Trinity Cathedral forecourt from 29 November to 25 December; donate a native tree to the Nativity Project Tree Registry, and share The Nativity Project: re-GENERATION information with their communities. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/thenativityprojectnz>

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### WHAT THE TEAM ARE UP TO THIS WEEK

Helen is on the 9.00am flight on Wednesday to Wellington to see her mother, back for Amanda's ordination. Cate is taking Heather Carter's funeral service on Thursday.

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## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Whoever you are, wherever you've come from,  
Whatever you believe...you are welcome here.  
Please join us for morning tea following the 10.00am service.  
欢迎您的到来。无论您是谁，来自哪里，或有何种信仰，  
我们欢迎您。诚邀您一起分享我们在10点礼拜仪式后的早茶。

### SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 10.00am | Sung Eucharist

### WORSHIP TEAMS

#### SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

*Presider* Cate Thorn

*Preacher* Helen Jacobi

*Liturgical Deacon* Wilf Holt

*Server* Jessica Ji

*Bread* Peter Mawson

*Welcoming & Offertory* Judith Faithfull,  
Susanna Howes, Jocelyn Goodman, Nick  
Rogers

*Liturgist* Stephen Jacobi

*Reader* Sue Marshall

*Gospel* Jocelyn Goodman

*Intercessor* Gavin Rennie

*Organist* Michael Bell

*St Matthew's Voices* Celia Aspey-Gordon  
Matthew Howes, Nathan Hauraki, Chris  
Adam

*Sunday Verger* Lephi Peneha

#### SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

*Presider* Helen Jacobi

*Preacher* Cate Thorn

*Liturgical Deacon* Amanda Mark

*Server* Elena Philp

*Bread* Peter Mawson

*Welcoming & Offertory* Chat Tuason, Martin  
Brown, Sally Lawrence, Anne Walsh

*Liturgist* Anton Spelman

*Reader* Gavin Rennie

*Gospel* Amanda Mark

*Intercessor* Waiora Port

*Organist* Michael Bell

*St Matthew's Voices* Celia Aspey-Gordon  
Matthew Howes, Nathan Hauraki, Chris  
Adams

*Sunday Verger* Jeffery Ji

Car parking is free on **Sundays In all of** the carpark.

Toilets are downstairs (past the organ console on the left)  
and an accessible toilet is in the church past the St Thomas Chapel on the right.

Children are very welcome - there is a children's table with activities.

**Please do not take videos during the service**, discreet photos are permitted  
**Please avoid leaving belongings unattended, especially during communion**

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