

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story;  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

### The Dismissal

*From the West Door, the Presbyter says:*

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Postlude

Finale on the hymn tune, 'Hyfrydol'

Henry Coleman (1888 - 1965)

### Birthdays this Week

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Sathya Godson (28), Samir David (29), Cynthia Dawson (30),  
Alfreda Ohol (2 Dec), Nathanael Suganth (3), Dhanasekaran Chempaka (4)

### Prayer Requests & Announcements

- † Pray for all pupils writing their examinations.
- † In the Diocese this week, pray for the Church of the Brethren, Dahanu Road and the Revd Sanjay Salvi.
- † Pray for the CNI's Diocese of Chandigarh and for the election of their bishop.
- † Pray for the CSI's Diocese of North Karnataka and the Rt Revd Ravikumar Niranjana.
- † Pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil and the Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Mrs. Chandramathi Moses (beloved mother of Kamal Jadhav) on the occasion of her birth anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Prayer meeting at the residence of Mr. Sathia Raj in memory of Mrs. Padma Solomon Raj on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, 7 p.m.
- The office bearers of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* are: Mrs. Premila Thomas (*President*), the Revd Arpana Rangayya (*Vice president*), Mrs. Jaisy Desai (*Secretary*) and Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj (*Treasurer*). Pray for the *Church of North India* – its congregants, Councils and leaders as we remember the formation of the CNI on 29<sup>th</sup> of November.
- **"Sharing the Joy of Christmas"** Please contribute generously towards food rations (Rs. 3500/- per bag) for distribution to clergy in the dioceses of Maharashtra.
- **A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols** - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30 p.m.

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# The First Sunday of Advent



## Choral Eucharist

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 • 8.45 am

Welcome

## THE PURPOSE OF ADVENT

We all like to welcome visitors, especially those who are close to us and those we love, and we sometimes find the waiting difficult. So we use the waiting time to make our preparations. The same is true with our Christian Family.

Each year the Church reserves four weeks before Christmas in order to give us time to make the necessary preparations. We call this season “Advent” which means “coming” (from the Latin, *Adventus*).

A New Guinea Christian once put it this way: “*At Advent we should try the key to our heart’s door. It may have gathered rust, if so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart’s door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas Time.*”

Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves, as a Church and as individual Christians, for the coming of Jesus – The one who came over 2000 years ago, the one who comes again this Christmas and the one who will come again at the end of time as King and judge of all.

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*All stand and sing*

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, amen come Lord Jesus. (2)  
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,  
O come quickly, come Lord come,  
come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

*Cantors*

**The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,  
prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.**

*All*

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come (2),  
Yea come quickly (3), come Lord come,  
Amen, come Lord come.**

Martin How (b. 1931)

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
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.

*All Amen.*

## Hymn at the Closing

**Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

## Hymn at the Communion

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture – in the Body and the Blood –  
He will give to all the faithful his own Self for heavenly Food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged Seraph, Cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high.**

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 4<sup>th</sup> cent. tr. G. Moultrie  
Tune: PICARDY, French traditional carol

## Post Communion Prayer

*All say*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Gathering

Chorale prelude on the hymn tune, 'Merton'  
'Veni Emmanuel' – a meditation

## Voluntary

David Thorne (b. 1950)  
Philip Moore (b. 1943)

## Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

## The Great Advent Antiphons

*Intoned by the cantors*

*O SAPIENTIA*

**O Wisdom, which camest out of the mouth of the most High,  
and reachest from one end to another, mightily,  
and sweetly ordering all things:  
Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

*O ADONAI*

**O Adonai, and Leader of the house of Israel,  
who appearedst in the Bush to Moses in a flame of fire,  
and gavest him the law in Sinai:  
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.**

*Each of the antiphons addresses Christ by one of His Scriptural names or titles, each one praises the coming of the Saviour by a different name, and each one closes with a petition appropriate to the title.*

*Seven days before Christmas Eve monasteries would sing the "O antiphons" in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, "O Virgo virginum" ("O Virgin of virgins") would be sung before and after Mary's canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55).*

*All stand and join in singing the hymn*

## Hymn at the Procession

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone,  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**2 O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.**

**3 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**4 O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.**

**5 O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder Law.**

Words: Origins in a 9<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn  
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, melody adapted  
by T. Helmore from a French Missal, 15<sup>th</sup> cent

*All sit*

*All*

*Intercessor*

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

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*Please follow the directions of the Servers to proceed to the High Altar*

*Communicants are requested to leave space on either side  
when they receive Communion*

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Intercessor* Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.  
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That God will guide and lead Prem Chand, our Moderator;  
Dharamraj, the Moderator of the *Church of South India*; Theo-  
dosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*;  
Prakash our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and Paul our Dea-  
con, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth your true  
and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your Holy  
Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

*The Presbyter says*

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Reader*

As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebra-  
tion of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us in pray-  
er and praise, thanksgiving and song, give voice to the hope set forth  
in the Scriptures. We give thanks for the prophets of  
today who dare to speak words of hope for liberation.  
Let us offer ourselves anew as witnesses to the advent of Christ's  
glory, seeking to bring Christ's light and love to those who sit in  
darkness.

**All Come, O long expected Jesus, come.**



*As the candle is lit, the cantors sing*

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.  
In true humility I welcome Thee Jesus Christ, my joy divine.  
My thoughts, desires and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.  
Come Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

Words: W. Osterwald (1820 -1887)  
Music: Johann W. Franck (arr. Stein) (1644 - c. 1710)

✠ The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer ✠  
During the Advent Season we sing the Kyrie instead of the Summary of the Law

Kyrie eleison. (3) Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. (3) Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison (3) Lord, have mercy.

*From 'Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena'  
by Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)*

**3 Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)  
Tune: HYFRYDOL, by R. H. Prichard (1811 - 87)

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day  
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Old Testament Reading  
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*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Sung by the cantors to chants by Monk and Elvey*

Psalm 50 v.v. 1 to 6, 14, 15 and 23 • *Deus deorum*

THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken \* and called the world,  
from the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God appeared \* in perfect beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; \* there shall go before  
him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about  
him.

## Prayer

*All say the prayer on page 357*

*All sit*

## The Prayers of the People

## Advent Prose

*Refrain (all)*

**Pour down, O heavens, from above  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord, and remember not our  
sins forever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wil-  
derness, Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our  
fathers praised you.

**Pour down, O heavens, from above  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

*Edited by Stephen Cleobury*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## Greeting of Peace

*The Presbyter offers a greeting of peace*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste  
with your neighbour*

## Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.**

**2 Alleluya, Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

- 4 He shall call the heaven from above, \* and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me; \* those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; \* for God is Judge himself.
- 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, \* and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.
- 15 And call upon me in the time of trouble; \* so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.
- 23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me; \* and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I show the salvation of God.

*All stand*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*

*And to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:*

*World without end. Amen.*

## Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn*



## Gradual Hymn

Hark! a herald voice is calling:

'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

2 Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

4 So when next he comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender  
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

Words: Latin 6<sup>th</sup> century, translated Revd Edward Caswall (1814 - 1878)

Tune: MERTON, by W.H. Monk (1823 - 1889)

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ

Alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

*All*      **Alleluia**

*The Gospeller*      The Lord be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew  
chapter 21, beginning at verse 1

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*All*      **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading*

*The Gospeller*      This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*All*      **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together*

## The Nicene Creed

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*All sit*

## Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

## Announcements

*All stand*