

Birthdays this Week

May God bless you abundantly.

Kenneth Khan (5), Tanya Gladston (5), Danika Ponpandian (6),
Ankith Kumar (8), Cheryl Adams (9), Sathia Solomonraj (10)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † God's protection and assuring presence during the pandemic.
- † all pupils writing their examinations.
- † for Emmanuel Marathi Church, Grant Road and the Revd Anandaraju.
- † the CNI's Diocese of Chhattisgarh and for the Rt Revd Robert Ali.
- † the CSI's Diocese of South Karnataka and the Rt Revd Mohan Manoraj.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Burundi and the Most Revd Martin Nyaboho.

- *Banns of Marriage* between Daniel Jaiboy Phillips (bachelor son of Leena and Jaiboy Phillips) of St Thomas' Cathedral CNI and Lina Singh (spinster daughter of Tatiana and Brijendra Singh) of the Church in the Name of All Saints, Sarov, Russia. If any of you know any just cause why these two persons should not lawfully marry, you are to declare it in writing to the Presbyter-in-Charge of this congregation. This is the first time of asking.
- **"Sharing the Joy of Christmas"** Please contribute generously towards food rations (Rs. 3500/- per bag) for distribution to clergy in the dioceses of Maharashtra.

<i>Advent & Christmas Services in the Cathedral 2021</i>	
Sunday 12 th December 7 am (<i>said</i>) • 8.45 am (<i>choral</i>)	The Third Sunday of Advent Eucharist with lighting of the Advent wreath
Saturday 18 th December 6.30 pm	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols The Nativity in carol, scripture and verse with the Cathedral choir and guest singers
Sunday 19 th December 7 am (<i>said</i>) • 8.45 am (<i>choral</i>)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent Carols around the Crib
Friday 24 th December 10.30 pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist with Blessing of the Crib and Lighting of the Christ Candle
Saturday 25 th December 9 am	The Nativity of our Lord Eucharist
Sunday 26 th December 7 am (<i>said</i>) • 8.45 am (<i>choral</i>)	Saint Stephen the Martyr Eucharist

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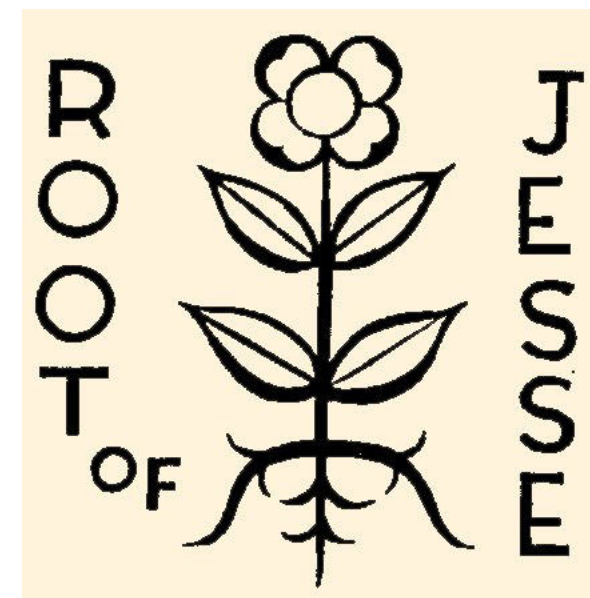


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The Second Sunday of Advent



Choral Eucharist

Sunday 5th December 2021 • 8.45 am

Welcome

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus.

Paul in his epistle to the Romans refers the root of Jesse mentioned by the prophet Isaiah. This is a prophecy about the coming of Israel's promised Messiah. The Gentiles, however, will not merely become the servants of the Messiah. The verse ends with the statement that they will hope in Him. Paul is connecting that Scripture to the truth that Christ has become Lord of all peoples, and the Gentiles who come to God through faith in Christ have placed their hope in Him for their salvation.

In this second week of Advent, we ask the Lord to illuminate our understanding of the Scriptures as we faithfully devote ourselves to living in accordance with them.

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**2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, (3)
shall the true Messiah see.**

**3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers:
With what rapture (3)
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! (3)
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 88) and
John Cennick (1718 - 55)

Tune: HELMSLEY, later form of melody in J. Wesley's
Select Hymn with Tunes Annex (1765)

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

Postlude on the hymn tune, 'Helmsley'

James Vivian (b. 1974)

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

May the roots of your faith be deep during heavy winds, and may the fruits of your faith be plentiful during the harvest.

May you prepare the way for the one who will come, being filled with all joy and peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn

Hymn at the Closing

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! (3)
Christ appears on earth to reign.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Come Redeemer of mankind
Behold, a Rose is blooming

J. S. Bach, BWV 599 (1685 - 1750)

J. Brahms (1833 - 1897)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

The Great Advent Antiphons

Intoned by the cantors

O RADIX JESSE

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,
to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O CLAVIS DAVID

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel;
that openest, and no man shutteth;
and shuttest and no man openeth:
Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison house,
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

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

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide
let there be light.

Words: J. Marriott (1780 - 1825)
Tune: MOSCOW, by F. Giardini (1716 - 96)

All sit

**Have Thine own way Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mould me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power, surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine.**

**3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.**

Words: Adelaide Pollard (1862 - 1934)
Music: George Stebbins (1846 - 1945)

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 Preparation for Communion
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The Communion
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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 of them when they receive Communion

Hymn at the Communion

**Lord, I have made Thy Word my choice,
My lasting heritage;
There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.**

**2 I'll read the histories of Thy love,
And keep Thy laws in sight,
While through thy promises I rove,
With ever-fresh delight.**

**3 'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.**

*Words: Issac Watts (1674 - 1748) from Psalm 119
Tune: BILLING, by R. R. Terry (1865 - 1938)*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader

We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus help us shine as the radiant body of Christ that we may be light for a gloomy broken world Amen.

All Come now, O Prince of peace.



As the candle is lit, the cantors sing

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

✠ 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)*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day

Read by the Presbyter

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The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

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Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

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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 a chant by Monk

Psalm 19 v.v. 7 to 15 • *Caeli enarrant*

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

*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.**

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our iniquities.

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

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

The Intercession **page 358**

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.*

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for all throughout the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the Cross:
For all he loved his life he gave.**

**4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
Empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.**

**5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Words: Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)

Tune: FULDA, by William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815 (1770 - 1853)

- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, * be always acceptable in thy sight,
- 15 O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

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 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 bless the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring,
with thy beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702 - 51)
Tune: BRISTOL, by T. Ravenscroft(1588 - 1635)

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 Luke
chapter 21, beginning at verse 25 **Page 401**

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 all reciting together

The Nicene Creed
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All sit

Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Announcements

All stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Greeting of Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

As we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world,
let us share light with one another with the sign of peace.

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*