

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1 December 2024

HYMNS

- 265 O come O come Emmanuel
264 Hark a herald voice is calling
273 Lo! he comes with clouds
descending

SENTENCE

Stand up and raise your heads; your
redemption is drawing near.

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is
far spent and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in
faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out
joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I
made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at
that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall
execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be
saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will
be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 33.14-16

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



We say the verses from Psalm 25 alternately:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord, be merciful to my sin, for it is great.

Psalm 25.1-10

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Christians in Thessalonika:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'

He said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Luke 21.6-7, 25-36

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Surfcoast Anglican Parish (Sharon Valentino); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps David Bassett, Hans Christiansen, Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Melbourne (Yvonne Poon); Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Bp Justin Badi Arama); St Mark's Templestowe - Pastoral service; All Saints' Rosebud w St Katherine's McCrae -pastoral service; Mount Eliza Anglican Parish - Confirmation service; St Columb's Hawthorn - Confirmation service; St John's Epping - Confirmation service

For the parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: the clergy, Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey: Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Barry B, Lorraine D, John F, Nan L, Kaye M, Jane & Peter M, Janet N, Stephen P, Pauline R, Hadyn R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Sharon V, Ray & Marion W and those known to us in need of our prayers

Year's Mind

2nd Patricia Jones (2012)

5th Stan Stewart (2016)

6th Alma Greeves (2002)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd Peter & Jane Murton (anniv)