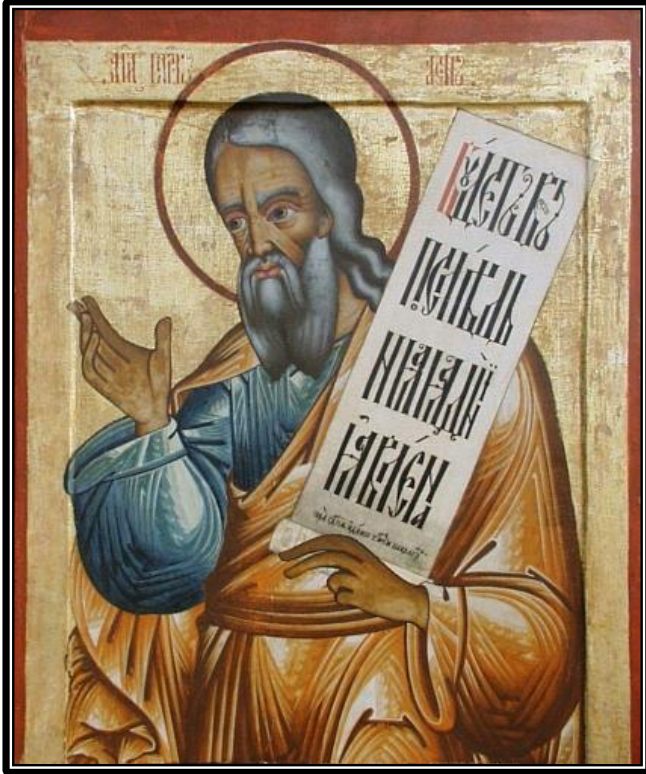


**MORNING PRAYER
ADVENT SUNDAY
29 NOVEMBER 2020**



‘The Prophet Isaiah’, Russian Orthodox Icon, 18th century.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
WANGARATTA**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe before you. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand with confidence before him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGnEggd0OKY>

1. 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.
Refrain
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.
Refrain
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.
Refrain
5. O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
Refrain

Latin, c. 12th century; versified J. M. Neale (1851)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2.3a

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite) is said

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Today if only you would hear his voice:
'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;
'When your forebears tested me:
put me to proof though they had seen my works.
'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
"It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways";
'Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

The Opening Prayer

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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.

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine out in glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man
whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

HYMN

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEE0uWnDGs>

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

SECOND READING

Mark 13.24–37

A reading from the gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of

the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

May your word live in us, and bear much fruit to your glory.

SERMON

The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus) is said

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

born of the house of his servant David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of
all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears:

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear:

holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation:

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and the shadow of death:

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMtrDOqtdK4>

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 us 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.

Words, Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) Tr F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

The Apostles' Creed is said.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

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

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 for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Faithful God,

whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:

renew us in hope,

that we may be awake and alert

watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,

our Judge and Saviour,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHORAL MUSIC

‘Ad te levavi’, Josef Gabriel Rheinberger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6PHC-bguM>

‘O Heavenly Word of God on High’, Gregorian Chant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNQDhLzSDU>

‘Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord’, Felix Mendelssohn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8giS9hXfvzA>

‘Cibavit eos’, William Byrd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6ZCIE2yf0k>

Intercessions

We wait for you, O Shepherd of Israel to save your people. Lord Jesus, appear from your heavenly dwelling place and let us see your face.

We pray for the peoples of the world. Teach us to share justly the resources of the earth, that we may live in harmony with your creation and at peace with one another. We continue to pray for peoples and lands where the coronavirus pandemic continues unabated and for all those who work at the front line of the fight against COVID-19 in hospitals, communities and in governments.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for Bishops, clergy and people. Within the Anglican Communion, we pray for our near neighbours in the Church in Papua New Guinea; for Archbishop Alan Migi and for the Bishops, clergy and people.

Within our own Diocese we pray for our Bishop Clarence, and for ASC schools in our Diocese; for Cathedral College and for Principal Nick Jones; for Cobram Anglican Grammar School and Principal Keith Willett; and for Trinity Anglican College, Albury and Principal Justin Beckett. We pray all staff, students and their families.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for people and groups within our community who work to help others and bring comfort and companionship to others. We pray for all to whom our lives are connected, and for all whom we hold dear. Teach us your ways of gentleness, generosity, forgiveness and care, that we may live and work together in love for one another.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all in sorrow, grief, pain or despair. We pray for all those on our parish list of prayer; for Bill, Penny, Joanne, Gwen, Dorothy, Greg, Matthew, Heather, Sonya, Patrick, Sylvia, Robyn, David, Marj, Bronwyn, Kevin, Kimberley, Rob, Nicola and Sarah.

Teach us to trust in your unfailing kindness, that we may bear our troubles with courage and uphold others in their times of adversity.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died recently, remembering especially Annette Hayward and those whose Year's Mind falls this week.

Teach us to follow their example of faithfulness, that at your coming we too may be ready and go joyfully to meet you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

HYMN

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cHmPHCljY8&t=14s>

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign!
2. Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, with what rapture
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
3. 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! O come quickly!
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

ORGAN POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Wachet Auf, rufft uns die Stimme*,
BWV 645 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSkz3j9b23Y>

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