



The Anglican Parish of Morningside

Under the Patronage of Our Lady of Walsingham,
St Clare of Assisi & St Boniface of Crediton

Second Sunday of Advent

9th. December 2018

Music Notes for Today's Mass

Introit Verse is sung by the Cantor after the entrance hymn

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour.

Psalm verse: The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handy work. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost...

The Hymns are all from the New English Hymnal, except for the Offertory Hymn: 'I cannot tell how He whom angels worship...'

The Glory be to God on high is not sung during Advent.

The John Merbecke musical settings for Mass are found in the New English Hymnal number 542: Creed p 562, Sanctus and Benedictus p 567, Lord's Prayer 568, Agnus Dei p 569p

Responsorial Psalm. Ps 145:6-10.

Response: Come Lord and save us: Come Lord and save us.

♩ = 69 Come, Lord and save us; Come, Lord, and save us. SD

(Capo 1) A F#m D E/D E7 A Bm Bm/D E7 A

Complete Responsorial Psalter page 10

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This Week's Diary. **TONIGHT Sunday** 5pm Evensong and Benediction.

Monday 10am Craft and Chat. **Tuesday:** Home communions. **Thursday:** 9am Rosary, 9.30am Low Mass, followed by the final meeting of the Guild.

Friday: 8.30am Thrift Shop. **Sunday:** Advent 3 Sunday 8am Sung

Dedication of the Month: The Coming of the Lord

For your Diary - Christmas Services

Monday 24th 7.30pm Carols

8pm High Mass of Christmas Night

Tuesday 25th 8am High Mass of Christmas Day

Sunday 30th 8am Low Mass Sunday after Christmas

No Mass Thursday 27th December

For Your Prayers: For the Parish: Guild and its work.

For those in need of any kind: Evalyn, Christine, Monica & Bill, Dell & George, Claudia, Carolyne, Darren & Sue, Maurrie, Fr Alec, Jenny, Shona, Heather & Michael, Sue B, Maurrie, John France.

The Monthly Cycle of Prayer Maureen, Dail, Margaret B

The Faithful Departed. Recent: Anniversaries: 9 Dec: Mary McGuire, Vivian Pilkington, Frank Smith. 10 Dec: John Edward Mustoe, Glen Powell Rolley. 14 Dec: Rex Taylor. 15: Stewart Uhlmann, Pixie Smith.

Next Sunday's Readings, Third Sunday of Advent

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-10. *This will be the psalm for all Sundays in Advent.* Gospel: John 1:19-28

The Ascension Parish of Morningside

The intentional ceremonial of the Mass fosters a seriousness, a right attitude that we bow and kneel before the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Crucified and Risen Saviour hidden under the veil of the Holy Eucharist



Christmas Raffle: As with previous raffles there are three baskets at the front of the church near the pulpit in which you can donate items for the prizes. If you want to buy raffle tickets or sell some, you can speak to Margaret McGuire, before or after Mass.

Christmas Tree Gifts. Each year we offer gifts for the residence of the Georgina Hostel. If you wish you can donate a gift and place it under the Christmas Tree. If it is for a man would you wrap it in blue, and for a woman in pink. These gifts will be taken to Georgina hostel on Wednesday 20 December at 9.30. You could join us for that service.

Dedication of the Month: The Coming of the Lord

Fr Martyn's Mutterings:

Mary, John the Baptist and holiness in our lives

There is an order of precedence in the Church's list of Saints. The first one is obvious, Mary Mother of our Lord. The second may not seem so obvious – it is John the Baptist. These two premier saints are the only ones whose birth is celebrated, all the other saints it is the day of their death. Saint Luke goes into great detail about John's conception, birth and naming. Though his martyrdom is commemorated on 29th August his main festival is his nativity on 24th June. In addition to his festival dates his mission is also celebrated on the second and third Sundays of Advent, and again on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. John and Our Lady are significant in that they represent the completion and flowering of the Old Testament. The mission of Israel was to prepare the world for the Christ and is made actual in their lives and holiness. Both Our Lady and John are also the inauguration of the New Covenant.

However, if Advent is our preparation for the Christmas celebration – the birth of our Saviour, why do we have Saint John the Baptist for two of the four Sundays of Advent? I personally like having John in this season as he is the exact opposite of the Californian Father Christmas. Not that I wish gloom and doom for Christmas, but John reminds us of what we are actually celebrating and Whom it is that we are welcoming. Listen to his words, *'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'* The invitation to Communion in the traditional Mass, as the priest shows the Blessed Sacrament with John's words, *'Behold the Lamb of God'*. So, it is sweet Baby Jesus for Christmas, but also our Lord God, Judge and Saviour, who comes to be the Lamb of Sacrifice at Calvary. That is what John understood and why he bows down to his Lord and God.

There is another aspect about John and Our Lady. Mary as a woman and John as a man are relevant models to *all* Christians, because both discovered the total way in belonging to Christ. You see, for most of us, we wish to be *good* Christians, but we shy away from being *holy* ones. There is a suspicion that if I give myself totally and utterly to God, I will lose myself and my identity. So, we are tempted to think that we need to keep some part of myself for myself. There is also another fact – the myth in our modern culture that being too religious is silly and at worse boring.

John and Mary took risks and dispossessed and emptied themselves before God – *and yet* – we see them as coming into a true possession of who they really are, because they truly aligned themselves upon the Saviour. Down the centuries this is repeated. Francis of Assisi was a wealthy, silly young man, but when he gave that away and totally gave himself over, he became a truly great human being. Being a true and complete human being *is* union with Christ and, incidentally, holy.

Well? We may not be of the heroic stature of these saints, but these great saints achieved holiness because they laid hold of the grace of God that made this all possible. When the Apostles thought that Jesus' teaching and demands were impossible *'They were astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"* Our Lord's response is for us, *"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."* Being a Christian is a work in progress – a people on a journey.

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Regular Service Times:

Sunday Mass 8.00 am:

1st Sunday of the Month: 5.00 pm

Evensong & Benediction

Thursday 9am Holy Rosary

9.30am Mass

2nd Thursday of the Month, Mass

with Anointing for Healing

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