

Second Sunday in Advent - Theme: Santiago & Simplicity

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Call to Worship

The root of Jesse shall signal to the peoples;
The nations shall inquire, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel;
Who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
May the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

Let us pray.

God of time and space, you sent your servant, John,
to prepare the way for your Son in the wilderness.
In our own times, may we not only heed his call;
but harken, along with him, all those of our other
brothers and sisters who desire to follow you.
Amen.

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Lighting the Advent Candle

We gather around the Advent wreath today knowing that we are not perfect— that we all make mistakes and do bad things. But Christ Jesus helps us to live as God wants us to live. He gives us peace.

Isaiah 9:6-7 says:

For a child has been born for us, an heir given to us. Authority rests upon the shoulders of the One who is named Wonderful - Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, whose authority shall grow continually; and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and for David's kingdom, established and upheld with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Lighting of the Second Candle

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is peace, for Christ is called the "Prince of Peace."

The presence of Christ with us gives us peace day by day. The colour of this candle is purple— symbolizing the majesty of Christ, whose throne will endure forever

Let us pray:

Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that, in this Advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, to the hungry, and to the lonely, so that they too may have peace. **Amen!**

Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Kyrie

Nkosi yiba nenceba x3

Kristu yiba nenceba x3

Nkosi yiba nenceba x3

The Penitence

Let us not presume to say that we have Abraham as our father; rather let us bear fruit in keeping with repentance. This Advent, let us pause to examine ourselves and our own shortcomings.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past**

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your Name.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you: pardon your sins and set you
free from them; confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

**God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation:
make us ready for the message that prepares the way
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word of God

Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-7, 20-21
Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel Acclamation

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon

by Revd Matthew Wright



The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father, when we look at creation, we realise how amazing you are. Your majesty is reflected in every plant, tree, insect and animal. But we know that previous generations have not cared for your creation, and now we face disastrous effects of climate change and the possible extinction of many plant and animal species. May we act urgently to reverse these effects and protect your creation for future generations.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We are blessed to live in a country as beautiful as South Africa. We thank you for the many people of our land, and the civil liberties we enjoy. We are also aware that while we are all entitled to the same rights, many millions of people, because of their circumstances, are denied access to quality of life in the form of running water, housing, education or medical care. We pray for public and private sectors, for NGOs, and civil society, that collectively we would work towards making our country a safe and prosperous home for all who live in it.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the community of St Michael's. We thank you for the many ministries represented in our parish. And especially for the ministries involving our young people. We know that we have all suffered in some way through the COVID pandemic. We pray that our ministries to young people, and to all those at St Michael's, would continue to be vehicles of your love, grace and healing. We pray for parish ministers, portfolio holders and all those who offer their time and effort in the service of God's people here in this parish.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we prepare for Christmas this Advent, we pray for all families at St Michael's. We ask for your protection and, for those who will be visiting relatives or going away, we ask for travelling mercies. May this be a blessed season, Lord, in which we are drawn closer to you through the love we share with our family members. May you grant us rest and restoration, and may your peace, protection and blessing remain upon us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, when you lived among us you brought healing and wholeness to those you met. We pray for all who are suffering from illness of any kind. In the midst of their discomfort or suffering, may they receive from you a deep sense of peace, with the knowledge that you are holding them in the palm of your hand. According to your will, sustain and strengthen them, and bring them to a place of healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

As we approach Christmas and take opportunity to spend time with our families, for those who are bereaved, they may be facing their first Christmas without a loved one. We pray for your peace and comfort upon all who have lost loved ones this year. May you surround them with your care and may they be warmed by your love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers. We know that you are a faithful God who cares deeply for each of us and we believe you will answer our prayers as is best for us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen**

Prayer for Offerings

Heavenly Father, once more we express our gratitude to you. We could never thank you enough for the blessings and love you shower upon us. May our lives be testimonies to others of your goodness and care. Now may you accept these our offerings as expressions of our thanks to you. May you bless them and use them for the purpose of your kingdom; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Final Prayer

This Advent, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Final Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.



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