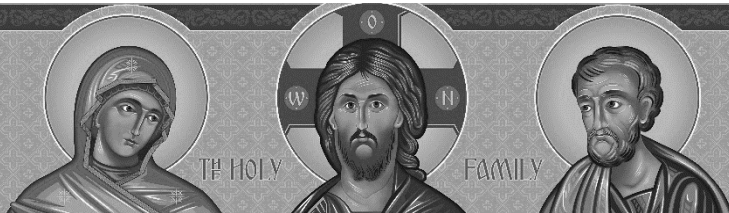


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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – 15th of DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING : Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Isaiah 12



℟ Cry out with joy and gladness, for a-mong you is the great and Ho-ly One of Is-rael.

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my Saviour, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ℟

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples, declare the greatness of his name. ℟ Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth, People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ℟

SECOND READING : Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL : Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

3rd Week Prayer: We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

3rd Week Gospel Luke 3:10-18

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



Third Candle and Week 3 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the people's desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That doth in exile homeless mourn
Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high
with healing for our hearts draw
nigh:
Do thou the mists of night dispel and
death's forboding darkness quell.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
A world that needs thee ransoming
And save thy Servants who confess
with humbled hearts their
faithlessness.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*O Lord, you have blessed your land, *
You have put an end to Jacob's captivity;
you have forgiven the guilt of your
people.*

*You forgave the guilt of your people, *
and covered all their sins.
You averted all your rage; *
you turned back the heat of your anger.*

*Bring us back, O God, our savior!
Put an end to your grievance against us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will your anger last from age to age?*

*Will you not restore again our life, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, *
and grant us your salvation.*

*I will hear what the Lord God speaks; -†
He speaks of peace for his people
and his faithful,
and those who turn their hearts to him.
His salvation is near for those who fear
him, and his glory will dwell in our land.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Saviour of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood;
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh,
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heav'n enthroned.

From the Father forth he came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell
High the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?

Brightly doth thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'er cloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged Seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eyes.
Veil their faces to the presence,
and with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord,
most High.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.

*Sweet Saviour, haste;
Come, come to earth, dispel the night
And show thy face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, divine Messiah!*

*The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away.*

O thou, whom nations sighed for, whom
priests and prophets
Long foretold,
Wilt break the captive fetters,
Redeem the longlost fold.

Shalt come in peace and meekness,
And lowly will thy cradle be;
All clothed in human weakness
Shall we thy Godhead see.

NEXT SUNDAY:

22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent (Yr C)

Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: J. Brodie, N. Nunes
Prayers of the Faithful: E. O'Brien
Offertory: Leifi Family
Special Ministers: F. Ulugia

CHURCH CLEANING

*On break till 1st February 2025,
Please keep the Church tidy.*

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

On a break till 26th Jan 2025

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

15 Dec: Marjory Moore
16 Dec: Josephine Hill, Drina Letica
17 Dec: Nathaniel Pierce
18 Dec: Mary Scanlon, Myrtle Goudie,
Oliver Bray - Taylor
19 Dec: Fonofale Endemann
20 Dec: Peter Somerville
21 Dec: Ronald Gander

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$1,987.00,
Priests \$ 993.50
Total AP's and Cash \$2,980.50

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, DEC 24TH

10pm: Carols Service
11pm: Midnight Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25TH

8am: Latin Mass
10am: English Christmas Mass

*Please note:
There will be changes to our
Mass schedule from Thursday 26th
December till Monday 13th January
the changes
will be posted in the foyer next week.*

Rosters for 2025 - Offertory, Church
Cleaning, Morning Tea Rosters.
If you would like you or your family to be
removed or added to the rosters for 2025.
Contact Ellen on 8346677 or
hfparish@xtra.co.nz

Christmas Box - This Christmas, more than
160,000 children in NZ will go hungry. For
just \$40, give a family the gift of meals for a
week and bring hope to the table.
Go to christmasbox.co.nz today to make a
donation.

Please see the noticeboard for more notices.

Church Carpark - Please do not park on the
grass or the driveway at the front of the Church.
There is plenty of parking behind the Church.
PLEASE do not block access to the parking
behind the hall.