



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022

### REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

"Where is the Life we have lost in living?" asks the Chorus in T. S. Eliot's *The Rock*. The Jesus of Matthew's gospel is implicitly asking the same question as Eliot's Chorus. He is making much the same observation as Henry David Thoreau, "Most [people] lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them." We are invited to find Life in our living and to sing the songs that are in us. We are to be agents of our own future rather than unthinking participants in the destruction of our planet. Right now, the human community is challenged in unprecedented ways to restore the life we have lost by living beyond our means and by destructively exploiting the riches of the Earth.

As we begin a new liturgical year, Matthew's Jesus invites us to contemplate the ultimate realities even as we attend to the demands of the present, a "present" where some twenty per cent of the world's human community are homeless and where land-clearing has decimated the other-than-human life of the planet. The Matthean Jesus tells us to be "awake", to be "ready" all the time, not because death or the end of the world are around the corner, but because we need to recognise the multiple "advents" or arrivals of the Christ, the Human One, who calls us beyond self-absorption to Life. He reminds us that we are no different from our forebears who from earliest days have gone about their daily business without being sufficiently attentive to what really matters.

In our times, we have allowed thieves to break in and plunder our planet, our common home, because thieves come in guises that we fail to recognise. They so often look just like us and do the things we do. It may be that we must first be attentive to our own ways of plundering the house that is home to all of God's creatures.

We spend much of our time looking back. That has its place, since our history informs our present and helps us in shaping our future, though all the while we know with Auden that '[t]he past is foreign country: they do things differently there'. Advent invites us to look forward rather than back and to dream gospel-inspired dreams that will enable creative change in our own lives and in the life of our planet. It invites us to be awake, to be ready for any eventuality.

Dreams and visions have always been the precursors to effective and life-effecting change. We need the grace to see visions and to dream dreams that make for justice and peace and that permit us to walk more freely in the light of God's ways. We seek the grace to "see" God's word as did the prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Isaiah 2:1-5). We need to put our energy into creating life-generating systems that enable us to move forward in the paths of gospel compassion and love.



*As we celebrate the season of Advent  
we think again of the love of God for us,  
endless and ever new,  
symbolised in this circle of greenery.  
The candles of the wreath signify how this eternal  
and all-embracing love has been manifested in time,  
and will be manifest forever  
when the Lord appears in glory.  
Today we light the first of the candles,  
looking forward to the  
Day of the Lord.*

### New Chaplain at St Vincent's Hospital

We welcome Fr Philip Mathew who joins us as Priest in Residence here at the Cathedral Presbytery. Fr Philip will take over from Fr Zaher as chaplain to St Vincent's Hospitals, both the Public and the Private. Fr Philip is also chaplain to the Syro-Malankara community here in Melbourne.

I am sure you will make him most welcome.

Fr Werner Utri

### Return to normal Reconciliation Times at the Cathedral

As of Tuesday 29th November the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

*Tuesday to Friday 12.00pm*

*Saturday - after 8am Mass*

Please note: **No** Reconciliation is offered on Monday.

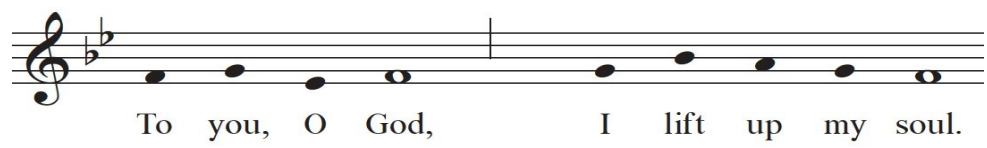
To ensure a Covid safe environment for all, we kindly ask that you sanitise the areas you touched in the confessionals.

Thank you for your co-operation.

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.



Entrance Hymn

CWBII 252

"Wake, O awake! The night is dying!"  
Night's long watch at last is ending.  
The herald of the light is crying:  
behold the morning star ascending,  
"Awake, Jerusalem, awake!"  
and soon a new day's dawn shall break:  
"Come quickly! Set us free!  
Lord Jesus, David's Key!  
Alleluia!  
All glory be eternally to  
Christ who comes in majesty."

Zion fills with voices singing.  
All at once they stand astounded.  
Their hearts rejoice with praises ringing.  
Around them light breaks forth unbounded.  
They wait and watch for Christ the Lord.  
They sing and shout with one accord:  
"Come quickly! Set us free!  
Lord Jesus, David's Key!  
Sing: Hosana!  
All glory be eternally to  
Christ who comes in majesty."

Text: based on Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme Philipp Nicolai 1556-1608; paragr. & adapt. Harry Hagan OSB, b.1947; © 2001 St. Meinrad Archabbey  
Tune: WACHET AUF, 898 898.664.88; Philipp Nicolai; arr. & harm. Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750 from Cantata 140

1st Reading

Is 2:1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:  
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’  
He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
‘Let us go to God’s house.’  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
‘Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. (R.)

2nd Reading

Rom 13:11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and 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 into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty;  
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 life everlasting.  
Amen.

### Communion Hymn

CWBII 250

Refrain: *Prepare the way of the Lord.  
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There was a man of God whose name was John.  
He came to speak for the light.  
The voice of one in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Refrain

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,  
the winding paths be straightened and  
all on earth shall see his face;  
prepare the way of the Lord.

Refrain

He's the lamb of God and you must follow him  
who takes the sin of the world,  
for he has come to give you life.  
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Refrain

Text: Brian Boniwell b. 1949 © 1981 Brian Boniwell  
Melody: Brian Boniwell

### Hymn after Communion/ Recessional Hymn

CWBII 232

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free,  
from our fears and sins release us,  
in your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all you shall impart;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born, your people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.

By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788, alt  
Tune: STUTTGART 87.87, adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett 1805-1876 from a melody in C. F. Witt Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

## Wedding Congratulations

Jennifer Lam Yew Fong & Derek Chue Kee Cheung



We welcome with joy through the  
sacrament of  
Baptism this weekend .

Anabella Penelope Wallace  
Sofia Audrey Caoile Jalandoni



**Mass Setting - 11.00am Missa Secunda—Hassler**  
- 6.30pm Missa O quam gloriosum— Victoria  
**Offertory - 11.00am Venite Gaudete! - Adrian Peacock**  
- 6.30pm O come, O come Emmanuel— Morton  
**Communion Motet - 11.00am There is no rose—John Joubert**  
- 6.30pm Dominus dabit  
**Organ Postlude - 6.30pm Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV645) - JS Bach (1685-1750)**

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 30 November - St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)  
Saturday 3 December - St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

### Vinnies Vic Flood Appeal 2022

Vinnies is working to urgently help support families and businesses impacted by the Victorian floods. Any donations will help provide people with groceries and essential items including the supply of fresh sets of clothing to people who've fled their home; re-equip a home with appliances and bedding; and pay for a family's rent while their home is being repaired.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.



### CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm (1.00pm live streamed - Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb))

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm. (11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)  
Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday at 12pm and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am (After the 8.00am Mass)

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Marie Anne Arlette Rivet and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Jennifer Dybala, Erlinda Portes, Aime & Aimea & Daniel & Cyril St Nedar, Angelo Bonnici, Frank Bonnici and Laurie Haber.

May they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.



# REJOICE!

## A Star is Risen, The Light has Come



Featuring

**Dion Henman**

**Cathedral Organist, St Patrick's Cathedral**

**Associate Artist**

**Larissa Cairns, Soprano**

Cathedral Organist Dion Henman presents a program of Advent and Christmas music, played on the Grand Organ of St Patrick's Cathedral.

A meditation on the journey from Advent to Christmas, this concert features music based on traditional carols, including *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, and *Coventry Carol*. Enjoy selected works across the ages by Bach, Liszt, Guilman, and modern composers in this beautiful and inspiring space.

**FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER, 6PM**

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

**1 CATHEDRAL PLACE, EAST MELBOURNE**

**TICKETS \$25**

**AT THE DOOR OR FROM TRYBOOKING.COM/BRYBS**

### A Christmas Celebration

**Sunday 18 December, 3pm**

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

**Featuring:** Cathedral Brass, Cathedral Schola, Grand Organ

A family concert of traditional and modern Christmas favourites, featuring brass, organ and choir. Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas with carols across space and time, including an Acknowledgement of Country through music. Performance will include audience participation, a children's segment and 'special guest' appearance.

**TICKETS \$25**

Available at the door or online via **Trybooking**.

*Children aged 15 years and under admitted free of charge.*

#### **Archbishop**

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

#### **Dean of**

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

Very Rev Werner Utri

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

Rev. Michael Buck

#### **Assistant Priest of Cathedral**

Rev. Alexander Chow

#### **Priest in Residence**

Rev. Philip Mathew

*Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital*

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#### **SAFEGUARDING.**

##### **Child Protection Officer:**

**Rev Alexander Chow**

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>

#### **St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)**

Come join us for a social dinner picnic @ Docklands after the 6pm Vigil mass on 26 Nov. We meet at the entrance of the Cathedral at the conclusion of Mass.

Contact Fr. Alex Chow  
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