

Magnificat Timothy Dudley-Smith

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and evermore!



Morning Tea Roster - We would benefit from some more people on this roster as our current volunteers are carrying a heavy load. If you can help (starting next year), please contact the office ph 868 6267

This week 10 - 17 December 2017

Wed: 9:30-12pm Selwyn Group, Hall. MT/Hostess Co-ordinators

Thurs: Office open 9am-12pm. 10am Holy Com. (1662), St George Chapel (Brendon)
2-3pm Prayer Group meet at Rosemary Levesque home 704 Tararu Rd

Fri: Office attended 9am-12pm

Sun: 9am service at St George NZ Eucharist

First Testament: **Isaiah 61 v 1-4, 8-11** Psalm: **126**

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-24** Gospel: **John 1 v 6-8, 19-28**

Presider/Preacher: Rev Brendon Wilkinson Intercessions: Brenda Deed

Music Ministry: Stuart du Preez Morning Tea: Denise Norris

Welcome Team: Max & Vivienne Baggaley, Winnie Sheehan

Sanctuary Guild: Fiona Harden, Celia Newby

Inspire Roster:

Mon: Del Patten

Tues: Judy Jones

Wed: Gael Goodall

Thurs: *Volunteer needed*

Fri: Liz McCracken

Sat: V & M Baggaley

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Welcomes you to

**St George Anglican
Church
Thames**



**Sunday 2nd December 2017
2nd Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of the second Advent Candle

"Today we light the second candle of the Advent wreath. (Each candle has a meaning)



This second candle is Peace. (The candle is lit)

Prayer: **"As we light the candle of peace we remember the stories of times you have been our comfort, when you have heard our cries for justice, for certainty, for peace, and you have led us home; and we know we can trust that you are leading us forward, as we wait for peace to be born, anew, in us. Amen**

Liturgist: Sue Lewis-O'Halloran **Server:** Raewyn Grey
Prayers: Fiona Harden **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
Welcome Team: Raewyn Grey, Kate Jones, Christina Philip
Presider/ Preacher: The Rev'd Brenda Deed
Sanctuary Guild: Vivienne Baggaley, Denise Norris
Morning Tea: Kate Jones

Prayer Needs

Someone will be available in the front during communion if you wish to receive prayer for yourself, family or others.



Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God

God fill you with truth and Joy

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

This is the day which the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you
and worthily praise your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.

**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives
to the glory of your name, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a

Collect of the Day

**God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist
to prepare for the coming of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth even to the point of suffering.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40 v 1-11 (Juby Family)

Psalms: 85 v 1-2, 8-13

1 LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**



10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky**

12 The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3 v 8-15a (Margaret MacKay)

Gradual Hymn: Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Gospel Reading: Mark 1 v 1-8 (Allan Judd)

Offertory Hymn: Come now, Lord Jesus

Closing Hymn: Magnificat (on rear page)

Sending Forth

Go now to love and serve the Lord, go now in peace.

We go in the name of Christ, Amen.

**Lo, he comes with clouds
descending**

Charles Wesley (1707-88) & John Cennick (1718-55)

1 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold Him,
pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on thos glorious scars!

5 Yes, amen! Let all adore Thee,
high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom for Thine own:
Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**Come now,
Lord Jesus**

1. Come now, Lord Jesus,
enter our Christmas,
be to us no stranger
in this new-made manger.
2. Come, small and human,
born of a woman,
yet a Son much greater
of our own Creator.
3. Come, cold and crying,
comfort denying,
no place to receive you,
few yet to believe you.
4. Come, poor and simple,
our flesh your temple
in your body feeling
hurt as well as healing.
5. Come, gift and token,
bread to be broken -
star and sign still point you,
myrrh will yet anoint you.

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On Jordan's bank

C. Coffin, J Chandler

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thy hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.