

12 December 2021



ST. SAVIOUR'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH.

DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN.

3rd Sunday of Advent 2021

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of hope and joy, you sent John the Baptist to announce the coming of your Son: inspire all who serve in your Church to prepare for his coming again through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

OT Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6
NT Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

PREACHER AND PRESIDERS: Rev. Chesnay Frantz

READERS: 07H30- Pam Fortune

09H15- Errol Steenkamp

LAYMINISTER: 07H30- Gavin Pillay

09H15- Jonathan Carelse

HYMNS: AMR

Introit: **50 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist cry** *Gradual:* **48 The advent of our king**

Offertory: **49 O Come, O Come Emmanuel** *Communion:* **402 O Thou who at thy Eucharist**

Communion 2: **263 Thy Kingdom Come** *Recessional:* **54 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Motet: **There is no Rose (Ellis)**

RECTORS NOTE

Advent tide greetings friends and family of St. Saviour's.

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to shift our attention to the pink candle - the candle of Joy. In a world with so much despair and hopelessness, many of us find it challenging to express our joy. Many of us struggle to recognise joy. As a faith community we are meant to be a people who rise to the occasion and express our joy in the face of despair and hardship, because we know that our joy resides in God, the same God who sends us Jesus, as a light in our dark world.

Today, we are called to embrace the light of Joy; allow it to illuminate our lives and share it with God's people. It is indeed a joy, we experience while facing so many dark moments, knowing the love of God is ever present. It is a joy that we are still able to gather as fragments of our community. It is a joy that comes from knowing that God is good all the time.

May the gift of joy abound in your life this week as you continue your Advent journey of HOLY waiting.

Fr. Chesnay

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY¹

WEEK 3: JOY

READER A: Joy is the space between your breath and your laughter.

READER B: Joy is a hand wrapped around yours.

READER C: Joy is your heart beating in sync with someone else's heart.

READER D: Joy is that first day of a new season, and the intoxicating hope it brings.

READER A: Joy is dancing in the kitchen and singing in your car.

READER B: Joy is the first cry of a newborn baby.

READER C: Joy is contagious.

READER D: Joy is a song.

READER A: Joy is the daughter of gratitude.

READER B: Joy is the heart of praise.

READER C: Today, we plant our feet in joy. For much of Advent we assume the position of leaning forward, longing for the moment where God will break into this world once more. However, today we stop leaning to remember with gratitude all that God has already done for us, through us, and around us.

(Reader A lights the candle at this time)

READER D: Thus, today we light the candle of joy as a thank you for laughter and for hands that hold ours. We light the candle of joy for the change in seasons, for kitchen dance parties, and for newborns. And most importantly, we light the candle of joy as a sign of gratitude for a God who makes water in the desert, heals the sick, offers sight to the blind, and who knows us by name. If joy is the song of praise, then joy is where we should stand.

The priest prays:

Loving God, all of creation praise you, for it was you who hung the stars, and you who made our beating hearts. Thus, as we anticipate the birth of your son, fill our hearts not only with hope and peace, which we so desperately need, but also with joy. For when the nights feel too long, and the darkness too strong, you light the way for us.

In Your holy name we so gratefully pray, Amen.

¹ <http://www.ctsnet.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SAcandlelightingliturgy.pdf>

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Matriculants:

Casey-Lee Saal, Kristen Fabing, Hannah Gomez, Kiona Pfeiffer, Jayden Peskin, Mia Rose Ah-Sing, Lisa van der Merwe, Caitlyn Riffel, Stephen Jacobs

Pray for the sick or hospitalized:

Reggie Pfeiffer, India Tyers, Edith Abrahams, Sandra Fourie, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Frank Kennel, Monica Fry, Martin Dyers, Ellen Constant, Maureen Le Fleur, Ellen Olivier, Mr and Mrs Conradie, Thembisa Jordan, Allan Pekeur, Rita George, Rosina Scheepers and Carol Minnies

Housebound and elderly:

Christabel Nokumbuza, Rachel Vermeulen, Breval Brown, Aletta Cloete, Freda Connolly, Brenda de Vos, Linda de Vos, Joyce Hiebner, Edith Lekay, Daniel & Magdalene Meyer, Joanne White, Ronald Smedley, May Rushin, Maureen Sieglar, Trevor Kleinsmith and Ellen Thompson.

+ RIP: Jacob Lemmetjies

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAY: We pray for the leaders of St Saviour's Church and we give thanks for their leadership this year.

TUESDAY: We pray for the doctors and nurses who work long hours preparing to fight the fourth wave.

WEDNESDAY: We give thanks to the Lord for His love and mercy.

THURSDAY: We pray for the sick and ask GOD's hand of healing upon them.

FRIDAY: We pray for the youth, that they may have a good summer break.

SATURDAY: Pray God to bless us all and may His spirit of joy and thankfulness fill our hearts.

SUNDAY: We pray and thank the Lord for sending John the Baptist as forerunner of Jesus.

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God, our need for you is greater than we can know or express: do not wait, do not delay, but come quickly to our aid. Bring us peace, that we may meet difficulties and disappointments with calm and courage. Bring us joy, because your Son has become human so that humanity may be again the family of God. AMEN

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NOTICES

- Communication: If you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group or Parish Prayer group, please send a message to Nerine (072 180 0592).
- Sunday School: The Rector is inviting anyone who is wanting to be a Sunday School Teacher in 2022 to please make contact via the Parish office.
- Flowers: Should you wish to donate towards the flowers in church for Christmas, or any other special occasion, the flower box can be found at the registration desk.
- Rector's Christmas Offering: As is customary in our Parish, the Christmas offering goes to the Rector. The Churchwardens encourage Parishioners to contribute towards a Christmas gift from the Parish to our Rector and his family. This can be done at any of the Christmas services, via the envelope provided. Please return the envelopes by Christmas day.

Advent Diary

- 12 December-ADVENT 3: Our Carols in the Park has been CANCELLED as a precautionary measure in light of the 4th wave of COVID 19 infections.
- 19 December -Advent 4: Building of the Crib and putting up of Christmas tree at 17:30pm, it will be an informal service, where we will gather to decorate the tree and build the Nativity scene in preparation for our Christmas service. Please bring along a wrapped gift marked *boy/girl* and *age*. This will be distributed on Thursday 23 December to the community of Abbotsdale in Malmesbury.
- 21 December: Tuesday last Contemplative Prayer
- 22 December: Last Wednesday Mass

Christmas Diary

- 24 December: Christmas Eve Service, Blessing of Christmas Tree and Blessing of Crib at 6:30pm
- 25 December: Christmas Day Services at 7:30am and 9:15am
- 26 December: One service at 8:30am
- 31 December: New Year's Eve Eucharist at 5:00pm

2022 Diary

- January 2022: One Sunday Service at 8:30am for the month
- 29 January 2022: Planning Day
- 1 February 2022: Tuesday Contemplative Prayer resumes at 9:00am – 9:30am
- 2 February 2022: Wednesday Mass resumes at 9:45am
- 6 February 2022: All Parish Organisations resume

LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

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<p>MONDAY 13 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 39 Zechariah 1:7-17 Revelation 3: 7-13</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 40, 41 Isaiah 8:16-9:1 Matthew 24:15-31</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 45, 46 Zechariah 3:1—10 Revelation 4:1-8</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 47, 48 Isaiah 9:8-17 Matthew 24:45-51</p>	<p>FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 51 Zechariah 7:8—8:8 Revelation 5: 6-14</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 52, 53,54 Isaiah 10: 5—19 Matthew 25:14-30</p>
<p>TUESDAY 14 DEC</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 42, 43 Zechariah 2:1-13 Revelation 3:14-22</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 44 Isaiah 9:1-7 Matthew 24:32-44</p>	<p>THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 49 Zechariah 4:1-14 Revelation 4:9-5:5</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 50 Isaiah 9:18-10:4 Matthew 25:1-13</p>	<p>SATURDAY 18 DEC</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 59, 60 Genesis 3: 8-15 Revelation 12: 1—10</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 61, 62 Isaiah 42:1-12 John 3:16—21</p>