

19 December 2021



# ST. SAVIOUR'S

## ANGLICAN CHURCH.

DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 2021

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God of Elizabeth and Mary: make our hearts leap with joy, fill our mouths with songs of praise and make us ready to welcome the Christ in our midst; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

### READINGS FOR THE DAY

OT Reading: Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm: The Song of Mary APB 57  
NT Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

### PREACHER AND PRESIDERS: Rev. Chesnay Frantz

**READERS: 07H30- Esme Kennel**

**09H15- Suzette Sampson**

**LAYMINISTER: 07H30- Sidney Scheepers**

**09H15- Kenny Daniels**

### HYMNS: SOF

*Introit:* **411 O For a Heart of Praise to my God**

*Gradual:* **379 Majesty**

*Offertory:* **150 Hail to the Lord's anointed**

*Communion:* **120 From Heaven you came**

*Communion 2:* **334 Let your living water**

*Recessional:* **520 Tell out my soul**

### RECTORS NOTE

Advent tide greetings Friends and Family of St. Saviour's.

Today, we reach the final Sunday of our Advent journey as we ready ourselves for the birth of the Christ child at Christmas. In this final Advent reflection, we are invited to embrace afresh the gift of love, a love which knows no boundaries, and love founded on obedience and faithfulness. The Fourth Sunday in Advent is also the Sunday we encounter that beautiful Song of Mary, and it's the first verse which we are called to embrace. Mary sings out: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord". This is our call today: to proclaim the greatness of the Lord - the gift of LOVE.

Friends, may the gift of LOVE abound in your life this week as you continue your Advent journey of HOLY waiting.

Fr. Chesnay

## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY<sup>1</sup>**

### **WEEK 4: LOVE**

READER A: Friends, we come to this circular wreath as a symbolic reminder that God's love has no beginning or end.

READER B: When we talk about Christmas, we talk about a love song of God kneeling like a mother to her child saying, "Oh how I love you," to each and every one of us.

READER A: Thus, I invite you to take a deep breath in and let it out slowly. For in that breath, the Holy Spirit speaks love. Now, I invite you to place your hand on the inside of your wrist or on your neck just under your chin. Feel your pulse, notice your heart beating inside you. For in that beat, the love of the Creator sings.

READER B: Today we light the candles of hope, peace, and joy as touchstones of the Christian faith. From those lights, we also light the candle of love, which in one word tells the Christian story. Friends, you are loved. God is love. And Christmas is God's love song for us all.

*The priest prays:*

Loving God, all of creation rejoices for 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.**

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

## 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, Carol Minnies and Russell Erasmus

### 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.

## PRAYER DIARY

**MONDAY:** Let us thank God as we remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. We pray for all Christian believers.

**TUESDAY:** We pray for our Rector, his family, layministers, servers, lay readers, sides persons, flower guild and those who will do duty at the Christmas services.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pray for Mary, the mother of our Lord and for all pregnant mothers who will give birth over this season.

**THURSDAY:** Pray for all those who are destitute and homeless and for all organisations who will be feeding them. Pray for all who are lonely and alone.

**FRIDAY:** God our Father we rejoice as we remember the birth of your Son in humble surroundings in a stable at Bethlehem. We pray that we may strive to follow his example of humility.

**SATURDAY:** We pray for all the Emergency Services and all who are working today or are on standby: Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Firemen, Police, Traffic Officers, Ambulance staff and Search and Rescue.

**SUNDAY:** Heavenly Father you sent your Son into the world to do your will, inspire us as we pray and work for the coming of your Kingdom.

### 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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# PARISH DIRECTORY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

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# PARISH BANK DETAILS

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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 as 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.
- Parish Office: Will be closed from Monday the 27 December 2021 until 9 January 2022.

### Advent Diary

- 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><b>MONDAY 20 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalms 68                      1 Samuel 2:1b-10                      Titus 2: 1-10</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 69                      Isaiah 11:10-16                      Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalms 73                      2 Samuel 7:18—29                      Galatians 3:1-14</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalms 74                      Isaiah 29:13-24                      Luke 1:57-66</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 45, 46                      Baruch 4:36—5:9                      Galatians 3: 23-4:7</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 19                      Isaiah 59: 15b—21                      Philippians 2:5-11</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY 21 DEC</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 70, 71                      2 Samuel 7:1-17                      Titus 2:11-3:8a</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 72                      Isaiah 28:9-22                      Luke 1:39-48a</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 75, 76                      Baruch 4:21-29                      Galatians 3:15-22</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 77                      Isaiah 33:17-22                      Luke 1:67-80</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY 25 DEC</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b>                      Psalms 85                      Micah 4: 1-5; 5:2-4                      1 John 4: 7—16</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b>                      Psalm 8, 110                      Zechariah 2:10-13                      John 3:31—36</p>