

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 6 December 2015
The 2nd Sunday in Advent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 and 9.30: NZ Prayer Book, p.404: *Thanksgiving of the People of God*

TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence:

You are the Holy One enthroned on the praises of your people. Our ancestors trusted in you and you delivered them; they put their trust in you and were not disappointed. **Psalm 22:3-5**

Collect:

Praise and honour to you, living God; you chose the Hebrew people and brought them step by step to look for a redeemer, and hope for the Christ. Give us grace to see our need and recognise salvation when it comes. **Amen**

Readings:

Lesson	Baruch 5: 1-9
Epistle	Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel	Luke 3: 1-6

Today's Hymns

Introit	179	Love divine, all loves excelling
Gradual (9.30)	335	Come, O long expected Jesus
Offertory	472	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Dismissal	344	Angels from the realms of glory

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Baruch 5: 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made
low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely
in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

I thank my God every time I remember you,

⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,

⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight

¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

We pray in particular for

The sick, especially Robyn Lynch, Briar Garraway, Amanda, Hope, Bob, and Gabriel. This community and especially those living in Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent.

This Week

Tuesday 8	10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane Retirement Village (instead of December 1) Selwyn Centre 9.30am-12.00. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. 7.30pm Vestry meeting.
Wednesday 9	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10	10.00am Mainly Music. Last for the year. Nativity scene, gifts and food.
Sunday 13	Advent 3. Bring unwrapped toys and food for City Mission.
Sunday 20	Advent 4. One service today at 9.30am. 9 Lessons in Carols. No Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, 13th December is the 3rd Sunday in Advent

Readings:

1st Reading - Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Epistle - Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel - Luke 3: 7-18

8.00am – Sides people Millie McHattie, and Ian Turner

1st Reader Michael Hill

Epistle Patsy Hill

9.30am - Sides people Chris and Christine Maud

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Epistle Christine Maud

Intercession – Priscilla Philip

Chalice – Priscilla Philip