



St. Cyprian's Church

Link

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

Hymns for today (* = The Source Hymnal)

Opening	100	All People that on Earth do Dwell
Gradual	insert	Creator of the Stars of Night (1-3 before Gospel, 4-6 After Gospel)
Offertory	346	Christ is the World's True Light
Communion	257	Deck thyself my soul with gladness
Closing	31	Come thou long expected Jesus

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney)
The United Reformed Church (Lindsey Sanderson), EMU Partnership Agreement.

Those on our prayer list: For the families of George Carswell and Gregor Duncan, who died this past week; Revs. Les and Lucy Ireland, Agnes Rose; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Barbara Fairlee, Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Karen Rose; Tom and Lynda; Jean Hindle; Peter Bladon; Helen Kerr; Glennis Tavener, Jean McLean, and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free; for you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.


Notices

- ❖ **Advent Book Group** will meet Thursdays, 11 & 18 December, at 7pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome.
- ❖ **Coping at Christmas** small group will not be formally gathering over Advent due to low enrolment.
- ❖ **30 November**, Sunday, 5pm – **Service of Choral Evensong** honouring the incredible history of Concordia.
- ❖ **7 December**, Sunday, noon - The **Annual General Meeting** of the Congregation of St. Cyprian's Church will be held in the hall after the 10.30am Eucharist. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ **13 December, 930AM** greening of the church! All are welcome as we decorate the Nave for the season.
- ❖ **14 December, 5pm**, Advent Lessons and Carols
- ❖ **17 December, 7pm, Blue Christmas Service** for those who would benefit from a slowed down service to allow space for a variety of emotions, including grief or sorrow.

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 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

I I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;**

**4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of
the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to
praise the Name of the Lord.**

**5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.**

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.**

**7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.**

**8 For my brethren and companions'
sake, ***

I pray for your prosperity.

**9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."**

Epistle

Romans 13: 11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now
the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than
when we became believers; the night is
far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay
aside the works of darkness and put on
the armour of light; let us live honourably
as in the day, not in reveling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and
licentiousness, not in quarrelling and
jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day
and hour no one knows, neither the angels of
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For
as the days of Noah were, so will be the
coming of the Son of Man. For as in those
days before the flood they were eating and
drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until
the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew
nothing until the flood came and swept them
all away, so too will be the coming of the Son
of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will
be taken and one will be left. Two women will
be grinding meal together; one will be taken
and one will be left. Keep awake therefore,
for you do not know on what day your Lord
is coming. But understand this: if the owner of
the house had known in what part of the
night the thief was coming, he would have
stayed awake and would not have let his
house be broken into. Therefore you also
must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming
at an unexpected hour."