



St. Cyprian's Church

Link

Sunday 14th December 2025

Advent 3

Hymns for today

Opening	342	Awake, Awake Fling off the Night
Gradual	422	Tell out my soul
Offertory	30	Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes
Communion	251	there's a wideness in god's mercy (3, 5, 7, 8)
Closing	25	The Advent of our King

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of Bangladesh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Porvoo Communion: The Church of Ireland; Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis). St Bride's, Glasgow (Peter Bradley). St Andrew's, Milngavie (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

Those on our prayer list: For the families of George Carswell and Gregor Duncan; 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 our prayers, Lord, and hear us: that they who are sorrowful and suffering may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Notices

- ❖ **Advent Book Group** Thursdays 18 December, at 7pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome.
- ❖ **BIG Christmas Card!** Once again this year we have a big Christmas Card for everyone to sign to save from sending multiple cards out and to raise money for our general fund. The card will be available between now and Christmas.
- ❖ **Coping at Christmas** – breathing space and quiet crafting/conversation time will be available in the choir room **Tuesday, 16 December 1- 230.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **20 December, 730pm, Music @ St Cyprian's Ensemble R6 concert**
- ❖ **25 December, Christmas Day Worship! 1030am**

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📅 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,

but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not
even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,

and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalms 146:4-9

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for
their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them; who keeps his
promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down;**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for
the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O
Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

Epistle

James 5: 7:10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the
coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the
precious crop from the earth, being patient
with it until it receives the early and the late
rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen
your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is
near. Beloved, do not grumble against one
another, so that you may not be judged. See,
the Judge is standing at the doors! As an
example of suffering and patience, beloved,
take the prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was
doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to
him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we
to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go
and tell John what you hear and see: the blind
receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and
the poor have good news brought to them. And
blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."
As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the
crowds about John: "What did you go out into
the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the
wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone
dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft
robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go
out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more
than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is
written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no
one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet
the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than
he."