



Welcome to St John the Evangelist East Dulwich

24 December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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8am Said Mass

10am Sung Mass

Introit	The Advent Prose
Processional	9
Gradual	186
Offertory	11
Communion	Zion hears the
Anthem	watchmen's voices by J.S.Bach
Hymn	3
Angelus	see sheet
Final	10
Voluntary	Last movement of Beethoven's Symphony No.4 in B flat major
Organist	John Webber
Piano	Sian and Seamus Conlon

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Gluten Free communion wafers are available from the Altar in the Lady Chapel.

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A reading from the second book of Samuel (7.1–11, 16)

Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 89

R): My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (16.25–27)

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We say together the words in bold

God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the Light who is coming into the world.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought the good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1.26–38)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Angelus

We turn to the Lady Chapel and sing together the words in bold.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary:

And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

And the Word was made flesh:

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God:

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts;

that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ

by the message of an angel,

so by his cross and passion we may be brought

to the glory of his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today in Church

Join us for our Christingle Service at 4pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30pm. All welcome.

This week's Services & Groups

Mon 25 December

10am

Sung Mass for Christmas Day

Thu 21 December

12pm

Said Mass

Sun 31 December

First Sunday of Christmas

8am

Said Mass

10am

Sung Mass

Rev. Gill O'Neill will be on leave until Wednesday 3 January 2018. The Rev. Anne Clarke, Assistant Priest, can be contacted during this time on 07788 766783.

The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 3 January. For any queries please email office@stjohnseastdulwich.org and Rachel Smith, Parish Administrator, will get back to you in the new year.