

HYMNS

46 On Jordan's bank
39 Hills of the north
51 The lord will come
99 Hail to the Lord's anointed

PRAYERS

- For the Church: in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui) we pray for St Pater's Church North Point, the Revd Lam Chun Wai
- For our world
- For the sick, especially, Valery Garrett, Stephen Cherry
- For the departed, especially Ruth Cherry, Tang Kwong Ping.

If you would like to include anyone by name in our prayers, please let Hugh or Will know.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Welcomers	Fei Fei Li	Clive Rough
Altar Server	Boris Lee	
Readers		Juliet Ide
	Amelia Wilson	Alison Harada
Intercessions	Graham Price	Judith Crosbie-Chen
Offertory & Collection	Shipporah Samarpitha	
Chalice	Phoebe Poon	
	Jeff Blount	Jeff Blount
	Ronald Yuen	Ronald Yuen
Refreshments	Andy Nye	
Sunday School	Judith Crosbie-Chen	No Sunday School
	Robin Fine	

Please stay and help to decorate the Church for Christmas after service at 11am.

This evening 6pm,
Lessons & Carols by Candlelight,
please come and join us!

Dec 17 Violin and Organ Recital at St Stephen's 3pm, with our new part time organist Jessie Lau.

St Stephen's Parish Retreat Jan 27, Shek O
Deepening our Faith.

Christmas Services

*24th Christmas Eve (No morning service)
5pm Crib Service with Carols
for young families.
11pm Midnight Mass*

*25th Christmas Day
10am Christmas Family Eucharist with Carols*

If you're not free one Sunday morning, try Sunday 6pm at St John's Cathedral.
Tonight: Blue Christmas Service
Next Week: 9 Lessons & Carols

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The colour of the priest's stole and the veil covering the chalice is purple for preparing.

Please join us for tea and coffee after church.

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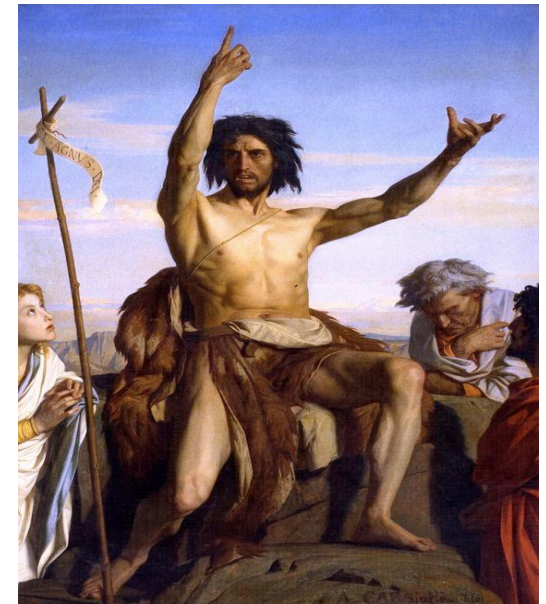
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10th Dec 2017

The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Eucharist
The Revd Will Newman



John The Baptist, Alexandre Cabanel

1st Reading from the book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.*

2nd Reading from Peter's Second Letter to the Romans

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

2 Peter 3. 8-15a

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THE GOSPEL

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Mark 1.1-8

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.
