



# CATHEDRAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

ADELAIDE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C

6pm Mass

8<sup>st</sup> December 2024

## **Entrance Hymn:      A Voice Cries Out**

Console my people, the ones dear to me;  
speak to the heart of Jerusalem:  
the time of your mourning is ended now,  
the Lord of life will come.

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:*

*"Prepare a way for the Lord!"*

*A voice cries out in the wilderness:*

*"Make straight a highway for God!"*

Ev'ry valley is made a plain,  
ev'ry mountain is leveled;  
the glory of God shall then be revealed,  
and the nations will sing in praise.

A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?  
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:  
the grass may wither, the flowers may fade,  
but the Word of the Lord is forever.  
Zion, shout from the mountain top,  
lift up your voice, O Jerusalem,  
and say to the people of God's own land,  
"Behold, behold your God!"

The Lord will appear as a shepherd,  
holding his lambs in his arms,  
keeping his flock so close to his heart,  
leading them all, old and young.

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## **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

### **Hymn: Christify**

### **Communion Hymn: Awaken and Prepare Us**

Awaken and prepare us, O God  
for the light of Your saving Son.  
We look for the light, the light of the world,  
the light of the Promised One

Awaken and prepare us, O God  
for the love of Your living Son.  
We wait for Your love, for Your love to appear,  
the love of the Chosen One.

*Prepare us for the Promised One,  
the Chosen One, Emmanuel  
Prepare us for the presence of God  
Prepare us for the Promised One,  
the Chosen One, Emmanuel  
Prepare us for the presence of God,  
ready our hearts for Him to dwell*

Come thou long expected Jesus  
born to set they people free  
form our fears and sins release us  
let us find our rest in thee

Israel's strength and consolation  
hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation  
Joy of ev'rt longing heart.

Awaken and prepare us, O God  
for the gift of Your giving Son.  
We watch for your gift, your gift with hope  
the gift meant for ev'ryone

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## **Communion Hymn: Rejoice be Glad**

Blessed are the poor, the people who live in God's holy reign  
Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain  
Blessed are the meek, for you will inherit what long was denied  
Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied

*Rejoice be glad for heaven is coming 2x*  
*Rejoice be glad for heaven is coming to you*

Blessed are the kind, the merciful ones shall mercy receive  
Blessed are the good, your heart shall see God because you believe  
Blessed children, come, grow peace for a planet still choking with hate  
Persecuted ones, for you all the blessing of heaven await

You are salt and light, let earth taste and see God's glory revealed  
Let your goodness shine, the lost are restored, the broken are healed  
All will be fulfilled, the law and the prophets have shown us the way  
Heaven comes to earth, rejoice and be glad for creation's new day.

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## Recessional Hymn: Mary, Woman of the Promise

Mary, woman of the promise; Vessel of your people's dreams, Through your open, willing spirit Waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom, Sung before the world began, Faithful to the Word within, you Carried out God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice; Mirror of the radiant light, In the shadows of life's journey, Be a beacon for our sight.

Mary, model of compassion; Wounded by your offspring's pain, When our hearts are torn by sorrow, Teach us how to love again.

Mary, woman of the Gospel; Humble home for treasured seed, Help us to be true disciples Bearing fruit in word and deed.

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# Christmas Concert

*Note:  
Change of time*

**Friday 13 December, 7.00pm**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

**Sunday 15 December, 12.30pm**  
CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS

CATHEDRAL CHOIR, CHOIR OF THE HOLY CROSS  
AND FLINDERS UNIVERSITY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Codirected by Timothy Davey and Arthur Siow

