



**December 2, 2018**

# **First Sunday of Advent**

## **Welcome**



**TODAY'S SERVICE**

**10:30 a.m. CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*Setting: Merbecke (Congregational)*

*Red Hymn Books – Ancient & Modern (AM)*

We are delighted that you are with us for worship today. If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to be contacted, please fill out the blue and white card in the pew. You may place it on the Offertory plate or give it to either of the clergy. Please stay for refreshments (Fair Trade coffee) after the service. Every person who is baptized is invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion with us. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask at the altar rail. We also ask that you refrain from dipping your wafers into the wine. All people are welcome to come to the altar at the time of communion for a prayer of blessing; please cross your arms to indicate this.

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**Prelude: Fuga in D & Fuga in d minor**

**Johann Pachelbel**

**Welcome and Announcements: The Very Rev. Donald Davidson**

**Celebrant: The Venerable John Robertson, Honorary Associate**

*The people are seated for the Children's Focus.*

**The Children's Focus**

**Dean Don Davidson**

*The children leave after the Litany for Children's Church*

**Great Litany (BCP page 30)**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**A Reading from Prophecies of Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Carolyn Pratt**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Reader: The word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; / my God, I have put my trust in thee.

<sup>2</sup> O let me not be confounded, / neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed; / but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

<sup>4</sup> Show me thy ways, O Lord, / and teach me thy paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me: / for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, / and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

<sup>7</sup> O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; / but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

<sup>8</sup> Gracious and righteous is the Lord; / therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement; / and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, / unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**Carolyn Pratt**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand to sing and remain standing, and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

**Sequence Hymn: AM29 The Lord will come and not be slow (St. Stephen)**

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you

**The Rev. Canon Peter Case, Honorary Associate**

**People** And with thy spirit

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 21:25-36**

**People** Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you

unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ

**People** Praise be to Thee, O Christ

**Gospel Acclamation: CP360 Bless the Lord, my soul**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

**Dean Don Davidson**

## **The Peace**

*All stand, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn: AM177 Thy Kingdom come, O God (St. Cecilia)**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**The Prayer over the gifts**

**Celebrant** God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

*All stand, as able, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

**Celebrant** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things...

**Celebrant** Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

**Celebrant** Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God

**All** We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

**Celebrant** And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness ...

**All** Amen.

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer*

**Celebrant** And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**All** We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

## **The Communion**

*If you are baptized, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cross your arms if you do not wish to drink from the common cup. All are very welcome to come for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available – please ask at the Communion rail.*

*The Celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,*  
The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Agnus Dei (all)**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant and people then receive communion.*

**Communion Hymn: AM23 Creator of the starry height (Conditor Alme)**

**Motet: People look East; arr. Barry Ferguson**

1. People look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People look East, today: Love the Guest is on the way. 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People look East, today: Love the Rose is on the way. 3. Angels announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People look East, today: Love the Lord is on the way.

**Prayer after Communion**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

**All** Amen

## **Doxology and Blessing**

**Celebrant** Glory to God,

**All** whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: AM28 Lo, he comes (Helmsley)**

## **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Toccata in e minor; Johann Pachelbel**

# The Prayers of the People

**The World and Environment:** For the world's needs this week, the environment, and the just and proper use of resources; for healing and right dealings with Aboriginal and First Nations people; for peace in our world and in our country.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, The Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano, and their congregation.

**Diocese:** Pray for Michael our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Fred our Primate, and Justin Archbishop of Canterbury; pray for the Parish of St. Alban's, Stella, the Rev. Don Bailey, and their congregation.

**Interfaith:** For all who seek after God and a holy life of justice, peace, and love.

**Community:** Iyr HaMelech Congregation (Reform), Rabbi Matthew Kaufman, and their congregation

**Parish:** Pray for St. George's Vestry Clerk, Connie Gardiner; and we pray for the following households: Jann & Dean van Vugt, Wayne & Nancy Varley, Patricia & The Rev. Canon Alex Wakeling, and their families.

*Personal requests may be placed in the prayer basket on the altar for this Sunday. For continuing prayers, names may be left at the office for the Prayer Fellowship.*

**Prayer List:** For Jeanie Oulton and family, The Very Reverend Sharon Murdoch, David Stockwell, Terry, Patricia Hatt and family; Linda Morgan and family; Cathie Corbett and family; for those on our prayer chain; for all those serving in the Canadian Forces at home and overseas; and for those facing medical procedures.

**The flowers on the high altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Donald and Gerald Leaman, from Bill & Valerie McCready.**

**Readings for Sunday, Dec. 9, Second Sunday of Advent:  
Malachi 3:1-4, Canticle 19 The Song of Zechariah, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6**

## Thank you to those assisting in today's service:

**Greeters/Sides people:** Sharon Bate, Tilly Nelson,  
Justin Sparks, Frank Brolly

**Servers:** Derek Falkner, Carl Redmond,  
Neil Henry Clarke, Judith Challis

**Lay Ministers:** Carolyn Pratt, Geoff Pratt, Jean Wilson

**Refreshments:** Fellowship Committee members

**St. George's Dean and Rector:** The Very Reverend Don Davidson

**Dean's Warden:** Ken Whatley

**People's Warden:** Tony Ashworth

**Deputy Warden:** Harold Redekopp

**Music Director:** Michael Capon

### **Upcoming at the Cathedral**

#### **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 2**

**5:00** Advent Carol service, in the Cathedral

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 5**

**12:15** Eucharist, in the Lady Chapel

**4:30** Centering Prayer, in the Library

#### **Thursday, Dec. 6**

**10:30** Healing Eucharist, in the Lady Chapel

**11:15** Bible Study, in the Library

**12:15** Advent concert: QuattroBone, in the Cathedral

#### **Friday, Dec. 7**

**12:00** Coventry Litany of Reconciliation, Cathedral steps

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