



December 2, 2018

First Sunday

of Advent

Welcome



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. Cross your arms as you come to the altar at the time of communion to indicate that a prayer of blessing; please cross your arms to indicate this.

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Prophecies of Jeremiah 33:14-16

Frank Milne

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

A Reading from Psalm 25:1-10

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

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

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

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

⁵ 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.

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

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

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

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

¹⁰ 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

Frank Milne

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.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

Dean Don Davidson

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:

Greeter: Betty Andrews; Reader: Frank Milne; Server: Neil Henry Clarke

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

5:30 Youth Group, in the Great Hall.

Friday, Dec. 14

5:00 St. Nicholas Day party, in the Great Hall

7:30 Melos Concert: Noël's Anciens, in the Cathedral

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flower Guild wishes to thank warmly all the members of the congregation who so enthusiastically supported our recent Edwardian melodrama, *Only a Parson's Daughter*. We greatly appreciate your unfailing support for all our endeavours. The play was a huge success thanks to you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)



Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) are available.

Please ask the sides people if you would like to use one. Look for the red lanyards.

Rev. Dr. Stan Lucyk leads a critical, liberal interpretation of the Book of Genesis, ch. 1-12, entitled “Fig Leaves and a Floating Houseboat.” Meetings will be held in the Library on Tuesdays from **2:00-3:30 pm** on **Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11.**

Kingston Chamber Choir presents *Divinum Mysterium*, a concert of seasonal music, on **December 16** at **2:30** at St. George's. Tickets are \$15-\$25, and are available online at <https://www.kingstonchamberchoir.ca/tickets.html> or at the door.

Mrs. Patmore's Pantry has returned to the Narthex, courtesy of the Projects Group. After the **8:00 and 10:30** services on **Dec. 2 and 9**, take the opportunity to check out the many featured preserves, including St. George's Day chutney, crab apple jelly from the tree on the Johnson St. lawn, Christmas cake, pickles and much more! Great for gifts or for your own pantry.

St. George's Youth Group: Just in time for the holidays, the Youth Group is organizing a drive to collect items for the family and youth shelters of Kingston. A wish list of items needed, including clothing, household goods, and toys and games, is available in the church office and on the Cathedral website: www.stgeorgescathedral.ca

St. George's Cathedral Advent Concerts continue on **Thursday, Dec. 6** from **12:15 pm to 12:50 pm** with the QuattroBone trombone ensemble performing music by J.S. Bach, Arvo Pärt, Claude Debussy, Matthew Emery, and others. The concerts continue on Thursdays through December 20.