

1st Advent November 28, 2021 Online service of Morning Prayer
The Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame
The Very Rev. Bert Chestnut and The Ven. Sarah Usher
Music: Anne Coates

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21.28

The Penitential Rite

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Priest says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them light has shined. Be of good courage, all ye that hope in the Lord, and He will strengthen your heart.

The lighting of the candle of hope

We will now have the choir sing *Light the Advent Candle*

Morning Prayer

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;

**show us the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Will you not give us life again,

so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O God,

and grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God for ever.

The Invitatory

The kingdom of God is at hand: **O come let us worship.**

Jubilate Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The kingdom of God is at hand: **O come let us worship.**

A reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵“‘In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus CP 88

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From 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 every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21:25-36
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Licensed Lay Minister Betty Davidson, St. Paul’s, Dawson City

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy**

**Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Litany

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and clergy of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil

In the Yukon Cycle of Prayer we pray for, the Synod Office: the Bishop's ministry; Claudine Kirby, Secretary-Treasurer and Administrative Assistant; John Vaissi Nagy, Vice-Chancellor; The Finance Committee; The Executive Committee; Prayer Partner, The Diocese of Fredericton & Archbishop David Edwards.

We pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

We pray for Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame and Eric Dame. We pray for all First Nations within the Diocese of Yukon.

In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour and Redeemer.

O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Head of the house of Israel, you appeared in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations, all rulers will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations: come and save us, O Anointed One.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing: Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Final Hymn: Love Divine CP 486 Tune (Hyfrydol 374)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. Amen.