



Church of St. Bartholomew
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2020

The Reverend Canon David Clunie

Organ Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (beginning)* J.S. Bach

Grace

Welcome

Hymn: 93 *You Servants of the Lord*

You servants of the Lord, each in your calling wait,
Observant of his heavenly Word, and watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame;
Attentive stand, as in his sight, for awesome is his name.

Watch; 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.

Collect: 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.**

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 *read by Jane Billings*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you

hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Christ.

Sermon *The Reverend Canon Laurette Glasgow*

Music after the Sermon – Wait for the Lord (Taizé)

Prayers of the People for Advent 2020

We will begin with biddings and conclude with the Advent litany.

I ask your prayers for the Church.

I ask your prayers for the Anglican Communion: *The Lusitanian Church - Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury - The Right Reverend Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church*
In our Companion Diocese, The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, we pray for The Virgin Mary Episcopal Church, Irbid, Jordan.

I ask your prayers for the Diocese of Ottawa and the Anglican Church of Canada:
For Anglican Social Services – Centre 454), and for their Acting Executive Director Rachel Robinson.

I ask your prayers for the world. For peace and justice in the middle East, Ethiopia, Sudan and a peaceful transition of power in our neighbours to the south.

I ask your prayers for those on the front lines of our Covid response,
Canadian Forces remembering especially members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those in diplomatic missions and NGOs, for our schools, Arch St Public School and Ashbury College, Long term care facilities especially the Garry Armstrong Home

I ask your prayers for those in need: *At St Bartholomew's, Busy, Colt, Sue, Margaret, Laurie, Harriott, Marissa, Mary, Don, Christina, Hana and her family, Harriet and her family in Africa, Michael and Kathleen; at St Aidan's Janet, Iris, Jim, Jim and Rosemary, Tracy, Nell, Margaret, Margaret, Seare and those we mention aloud or in the silence of our hearts*

I ask you to remember those departed this life: *Remembering especially Fay Neville, dear friend of Fran Flavelle*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Advent Litany

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 Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses 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 kings 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, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.
Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 98 *Hark the Glad Sound!*

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And from the treasures of grace to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, they welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.

Offertory: *Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.*



Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marlene Vetter who passed away on November 10th, 2020,
given by her dear friends Sue and Mike Revere and Nancy Hooper,
and in loving memory of
Charles and Elizabeth Drolet and Shirley Shepertycki (née Drolet)*

Financial Message: Bob Orr Treasurer

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Postlude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (ending)* J.S. Bach

In appreciation for this week's online service

The Reverend Canon David Clunie

The Reverend Canon Laurette Glasgow

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Artwork

1. Marina Grigoryan (b.1968), Holy City Gates, date unknown. Tribes Fine Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel.
2. William Holman Hunt (1827–1910), The Light of the World, 1851–3. Side chapel, Keble College, Oxford, England.
3. Jorge Cocco Santiago (b.1936), The Lord of the Parables, 2018. Artist's collection.
4. Tancau Emanuel, Morning of Advent, 2012. Location unknown.
5. Fra Angelico (c.1400–55), Virgin Annunciate, 1450–5. Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI.
6. Jan van Eyck (c.1390–1441), The Ghent Altarpiece: Virgin Mary, 1432. Saint Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium.
7. Giovanni Battisti Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609–85), Virgin in Prayer, 1640–50. National Gallery, London, England.