



FIRST SUNDAY

OF

Advent

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and All Angels
The Diocese of Barbados**

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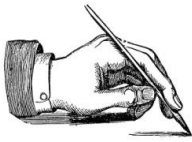
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**The First Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2020
Services: 7:00 A.M & 9:00 A.M.**



From the Dean's Pen

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The observance of Advent this year presents us with an excellent opportunity to receive the message of hope and comfort which this season offers. It has been said on several occasions that this has been an unprecedented year. The coronavirus pandemic COVID-19 has affected every aspect of life. The economic life of nations, social relationships, and spiritual gatherings have all been affected. Everywhere, there has been fall-out and isolation; consequently, individuals have had to dig deep into their innermost being to find strength to cope and survive.

Social isolation has perhaps given the people of faith time to think afresh about church. This time is unique; however, it was not the first time that Christians had been inhibited from public worship. When it happened in the past, the occasion was fertile ground for a new spiritual awakening. Indeed, as the saying goes, 'absence makes the heart grow fonder'.

While the situation is radically different from the biblical era, it was this kind of shock which gave the prophet of the Exile, a message of hope for his people (Isaiah 64:1-9). The prophet had previously (chapter 63) unburdened his heart of its pain; and tried to find words that would persuade Yahweh to return Israel to safety and make life easier for them. His plea was for there to be immediate action to remedy that unfortunate situation.

Perhaps, we too would make a similar plea for God to bring relief to the world from the pandemic. This may be done through prayer and serve to highlight the plight of our unemployed people, some of whom remain anxious about their 'daily bread'.

The Advent message of hope can indeed help us to see the role of suffering in hope-filled history. It asserts itself, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father, we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8)

Yours sincerely,
Dean Jeffrey

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B**

7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
President: The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley
9:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST
President: The Rev'd Canon George Knight

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude:

Opening/Introit Hymn ~ 46

“Lo, he comes with clouds descending,”

The Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath (See leaflet)

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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 visit us in great humility; that in 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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ **Ms. June Stuart**

9:00 A.M. ~ **Mr. Edwin Pollard**

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Isaiah, chapter sixty-four, beginning at the first verse.

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 forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right
hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for
yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

Second Lesson: **1 Corinthian 1:3-9**

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ **Mrs. Joyanne Blackman-Jarvis**

9:00 A.M. ~ **Mrs. Mary Weekes**

**A Reading from the Word of God, written in the First
Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 1, beginning at
the third verse.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for
in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of
Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by
him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

READER: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn ~ 352 *“Thy kingdom come! On bended knee”*

The Holy Gospel: **Mark 13:24-37**

Gospellers: 7:00 A.M. ~ **The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley**

9:00 A.M. ~ **The Rev'd Canon George Knight**

READER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, written in the thirteenth chapter, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.**

ALL: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.”

GOSELLER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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Intercession “C”

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Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Alicia White

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Aimey

The Act of Penitence “A”

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Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn ~ 251 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed,”

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The Administration of Communion

Communion (Motet/Anthem)

“Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?” (Sanger)

Hymns: ~ 590 *“Hosanna to the living Lord!”*

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The Recessional Hymn ~ 742

“I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above,”

Prayer for the Nation	Page 202
National Anthem	

Organ Postlude:

(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary, however, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR: B

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Comments: *“God will come with power and compassion”*

The Hebrew Bible lesson presents a **contrite plea to God for merciful justice**. The prophet recalls earlier times when the Lord's presence made the very mountains quake. Now the people have sinned grievously and are suffering for their wrongs. They can only pray that the Lord will remember them as God's children, God's creatures, and temper divine anger.

Psalm 80:1-7, 1719

"A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that God will turn away divine anger and restore the people."

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Comments: *"Gifts of grace sustains us"*

In this reading, **Paul greets the new disciples in Corinth, telling them of his gratitude to God on their behalf and offering comfort and assurance**. Because they are sanctified in Christ, these converts, together with those everywhere we call upon Jesus, have a vocation as saints. They are rich in spiritual gifts. Trusting in a faithful God, they wait for the great revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Comments: *"The coming of the Son of Man"*

In this gospel lesson, **Jesus presents his disciples with a vision of the end of human history and repeatedly urges them to be on watch**. The universe itself will reflect this transformation as the Son of Man comes. That time is near, but no one knows it exactly. Disciples must live expectantly and be on the alert for their Lord's coming.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

1.Flowers: As usual, there will be no floral arrangements during the Advent season; however, members are encouraged to make donations for the supply of flowers for Christmas. Contributions may

be made in celebration of a personal event, in commemoration of a departed loved one, or any other occasion in the life of a family. Thanks for your consideration.

2.Advent: The New Church Year commences today, Advent Sunday. The Sunday Lectionary is Year B and is found on Page 678; the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary Year II, Page 707; and the Daily Office Lectionary, Year II on Page 736; all in the Book of Common Prayer, CPWI. The dominant Liturgical colour used in the Cathedral is Blue, with Pink on the Third Sunday of the season.

3. Blue Christmas Service: Next Sunday, December 6th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. the Cathedral will host a Blue Christmas Service. Anyone who experienced a bereavement during the year and for whom this would be the first Christmas without their loved ones, are invited to attend. The service is designed to offer comfort and hope at Christmas time; and to affirm the presence of God as revealed in Christ, in the midst of grief.



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2020

11:30 P.M. ~ Vigil and Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

The First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 27, 2020

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Thursday, December 31, 2020

11:00 P.M. ~ Watchnight Service



***Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays this week
November 29th to December 5th, 2020***

Mr. Kenneth C. Garnes ~ 29th

Dr. Kenneth George ~ 29th

Ms. Faye A. Tudor ~ 30th

Mrs. Chloe Grant ~ 1st

Ms. Yvonne V. Blenman ~ 2nd

Ms. Ella K. Russell ~ 3rd

Mr. Stephen L. White ~ 3rd

Mr. Victor E. Gittens ~ 4th

Ms. Muriel I. Oxley ~ 4th

Ms. Maureen Ward ~ 4th

Mr. Glynnil M. Warner ~ 4th

Ms. Orene L. Clarke ~ 5th

Ms. Jennifer D. Edwards ~ 5th

Mrs. Sheila Garnes ~ 5th



May God bless and strengthen you.



Please remember the sick of our Parish and wider community, especially Ms. Colleen Byer, Mr. John Clarke, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Mr. Frank Harris, Mr. Jonathan Holder (N.Y.), Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mrs. Dawn Maxwell, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Colleen Thompson, and Ms Winifred Trotman.

I pray to the Almighty
to bring you healing
and a speedy
recovery...
**Get Well
Soon...**



Bereavement: We extend condolences to the families of the late Mr. Winston Bourne and The Rev'd John Garbner, (who served as Deacon in the Cathedral in 1967) who died in Canada.
May they know the blessedness of those who mourn.



CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

**Today, Sunday November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Preacher: **The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: **The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

6:00 P.M. ~ An Advent Carol Service

No Admission charge

An offering will be taken

This is a candlelight ceremony

Please bring a battery-operated candle or torchlight

Wednesday December 2nd, 2020

10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing

Next Sunday December 6th, 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

5:00 P.M. ~ **A Blue Christmas Service**

‘A Blue Christmas Service’ is held in remembrance of deceased persons as a source of comfort and inspiration for their families. Families are invited to attend the service and to hang a white dove on the tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed in recent time. (A dove will be provided)

LOOKING AHEAD!

Thursday, December 17th, 2020

8:00 P.M. ~ A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Watchfulness in prayer enriches our knowledge of the ways of the Lord.”



SERMON NOTES

Sermon Text:

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Topic:

Preacher:

Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

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Hope "We must accept finite disappointment,
but never lose infinite hope"
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Peace "Peace begins with a smile"
~ Mother Teresa

Joy "When the mind is pure, joy
follows like a shadow that
never leaves" ~ Buddha



Love "Love yourself. Then forget it.
Then, love the world"
~ Mary Oliver

Spirited-Thinking

Name: _____

Advent Word Search



Find the Words

CHRISTMAS

GIFTS

CALENDAR

DECORATE

TREE

WRAPPING

WREATH

FRIENDS

REINDEER

CAROLS

NATIVITY

LIGHTS

COOKIES

BELLS

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