

TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE

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Advent Message from Bishop Lincoln...

Advent Oratorio - *Paul Spicer & N.T. Wright*

Come, Lord, and cleanse us from our sin;
Your new, glad work in us begin.
Remove our idols from our sight;
Let us in you alone delight.

Prepare us for your coming reign
By washing us from every stain;
Make known to us your holy Name;
Let us no more turn back to shame.

Call us to you from every land,
And guide us with your powerful hand;
Show us the path that we must tread,
Let us by you with joy be led.

Implant your Spirit in our heart,
That, with your Breath, new life may start
Take from our flesh the heart of stone,
Let us rejoice in you alone.

For your own sake your love display,
That we may worship and obey;
Rebuild the wild and desert place;
Let us acclaim your sovereign grace.



Friends...

The new Church year dawns upon us again. Not as we may have anticipated 12 months ago, but none can predict the future. All any of us can do is watch and prepare, and do the work God has called us to do.

The new year brings joy and sorrow, pain and healing, challenges and opportunities. In Christ, we are always given new chances to be who we are called to be, better than we are today, more loving than we are right now, more hopeful for the future.

How much more can we be as the Body of Christ, if we just let Christ change us?

God prepared the world for the coming of Christ, and we can do no less than prepare our hearts for Christ to sit there, enthroned in our souls.

May we have a blessed Advent and welcome Christ into our hearts and homes.

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Come,
Lord Jesus!
Come and visit your people.
We await your coming.
Come, O Lord.

Join St Paul's Cathedral Kamloops for Waiting Time: A Quiet Prayer Service for Advent. This service for word, music, and silence will be streamed online at 4pm on each of the Sunday's during the season of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13 & 20).

This service will be available on the Cathedral Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Cathedral-Kamloops-BC-296619537018803>), Cathedral YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHZwwNX-On0viPmxwRwEo7Q>), and the Cathedral website (<https://kamloopsanglicanecathedral.com>) at 4pm each Sunday during the season of Advent.

Prayer Corner



- * We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of uncertainty, change and anxiety, in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic
- * We pray for Bishop Lincoln, his wife Tanya, and their son Gavin,
- * We pray for Linda LaGroix, her husband Wayne and their family as Linda awaits ordination to the Deaconate.
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery, giving thanks for her ministry to St. Michael's Merritt, and all who support her
- * We pray for the Lillooet Shared Ministry in their search for new ministry leadership
- * We pray for St. Michael's and All Angels Prince George, Grace Church Prince George and St. John the Divine, Quesnel as they continue to search for new ministry leadership
- * Please pray for the new Bishop Elect Anna Greenwood-Lee for the Diocese of Islands and Inlets, and John Robert Stephens, Coadjutor Bishop Elect for the Diocese of New Westminster
- * We pray for all who are confined by illness, especially those with Covid, that they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others
- * We pray for all who cannot travel to be with family and loved ones during the Christmas holidays
- * We pray for the families of all who have died during the Covid pandemic, and for whom no funeral has been able to take place – with special prayer intention for the repose of their souls.
- * We pray for all those without the security, safety and comfort of a home, or economic stability
- * We pray for those with anxiety and stress concerning personal economic situations
- * We pray for all who struggle through the Christmas season

Prayer for November 29th — First Sunday in Advent

Lord God,

Only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one which welcomes you more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love, and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent, and to give special love to those who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me.

Help me to free my heart from the prison of anger and hurt...

[From One Prayer a Day for Advent from [On-Line Ministries](#)]

Primate's Message of Hope to Anglicans in Canada

Our Primate Archbishop Linda Nichols has recorded a message for distribution to congregations.

In this short (8 minute) video message, Archbishop Linda reflects on the challenges we are facing as individuals and as a community of faith during this time of pandemic. You can find "A Message of Hope to the Primate" at

<https://www.anglican.ca/primate/a-message-of-hope-from-the-primate/>.

Video, audio and transcript formats are available for download at the bottom of the page, which can be incorporated into a video, or played or spoken during a service. Parishes are encouraged to utilize this Message of Hope in their worship.

HANDY LINKS:

Anglican Church of Canada
Anglican Journal
Anglican Foundation
The Anglican Diocese of Montreal
Book of Alternative Services

Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle –
October to December 2020
Common Praise online
Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks
PWRDF
Territory of the People website

PWRDF – Advent and Christmas Resources:

- * Advent Daily Reflection – emailed directly to your inbox! Click [here](#) to subscribe...
- * Christmas Gifts – click [here](#) to find creative gifts to order for family and friends. Imagine someone's delight in receiving a goat or hen for Christmas!
- * Christmas Cards – click [here](#) to order one of two beautiful designs...
- * Children's Advent Resources – to download and use in your home. Click [here](#) for crafts, games, stories and other fun activities..



On-Line Advent Retreat Opportunities

Jan Richardson - Many of us follow one way or another Jan Richardson's weekly reflections which often find their way into sermons or reflections. She is a fine theologian and practitioner of life and love.

This year Jan offers a special Advent retreat opportunity. A discount is offered if eight or more sign up. See the description at <https://www.janrichardson.com/illuminated2020>. BUT DON'T SIGN UP YET!

Dean Ken Gray is exploring how many folks are interested. A virtual group can easily be set up for a deeper dive into the themes Jan explores.

Please reply to Dean Ken directly at deanspc@shaw.ca by Monday November 30th if possible.

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*Sorrento Centre - Entry into Advent* - a Quiet Day with Bishop Lynne McNaughton – to be held on **Saturday, November 28**. Three special, engaging on-line sessions at 9 am and 11 am and 1 pm (Pacific) Click [here](#) for free registration.

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WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO  
BE...  
IT'S THE WAY IT IS....  
THE WAY WE **COPE**  
WITH IT,  
IS WHAT MAKES THE  
DIFFERENCE.

### **Bishop Lincoln's Schedule:**

- 29 Nov Preaching – St. Paul's  
Cathedral, Kamloops
- 5 Dec The Ordination of Linda  
LaGroix to the Diaconate at  
St. Paul's Cathedral,  
Kamloops will now be  
rescheduled due to Covid  
restrictions set by the  
Provincial Health Officer

December 18 to January 3, 2021 the  
Territory Office will be closed. Normal  
office hours will resume Monday  
January 4<sup>th</sup>