

A Christmas Message from Bishop Lincoln...

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

C. Rosetti. In the Bleak Midwinter

Dear people of the Territory...

Most of us know this hymn, and it is my personal favourite of the Christmas hymns.

I usually get too choked up to sing this last verse because it captures the beauty of Christmas.

The God who loves us in spite of all we do, has sent Jesus into the world to give us a better way. To give us hope that we are not lost or forgotten. To shine light in dark places.

All we can do is give our utmost in return. Not our partial, not just when its convenient, but our all.

The new year will bring us just as many challenges and blessings as 2020 has, but with confidence and faith in Christ, we can continue to give our all to God, through the church and in our communities. To love, to serve, and to share the hope of a God who loves and cares.

A God of love, who became like us.

May we all be blessed to be transformed by God's love which has come into the world.

A Blessed Christmas to you all...

+Lincoln



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://kamloopsanglicancathedral.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, and especially those celebrating Christmas without family or friends
- * We pray for Bishop Lincoln, his wife Tanya, and their son Gavin,
- * We pray for Pastoral Elder Ursula Drynock in hospital, for a full recovery, praying also for Richard
- * We pray for Becky Mundall, Debbie Justice and Penny Toodlican
- * 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
- * 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 December 20th — Fourth Sunday in Advent

*Oh, Adonai, dearest Lord, Compassionate God of justice,
so many areas of my life seem imprisoned but you promise me real freedom and peace in my life.
Renew my spirit and free my soul.*

Please, open my heart which you have bathed in the longing of Advent.

*I am awe-struck as your glory fills the earth and I want to follow you in caring for others.
Grant me the grace to see how you shine your light on the poor who have such a special place in
your heart.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

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
Pastoral Visitor – Jan/Feb 2021
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!
- * Children's Advent Resources – to download and use in your home. Click [here](#) for crafts, games, stories and other fun activities..
- * The Government of Canada is matching donations to PWRDF for their *All Mothers and Children Count* initiative. Click [here](#) to see more

Other News:

- * **Thursday, December 17 5 pm ET (2 pm Pacific)** *Fostering Hope and Solidarity in Today's World*, a conversation with Archbishop Linda Nicholls, via the Intercultural Dialogue Institute. Click [Here](#) to read more.
- * Details are now available about the **National Lessons & Carols** service being produced by General Synod for the season of Advent. Downloadable files are available [here](#) for dioceses and parishes to (optionally) include in online and/or in-person services (or other events) in the coming weeks. You are able to sign up to receive reminders and updates.
- * **Friday, December 18, 8pm Eastern Time:** A broadcast of the full service (approx. 1hr) will take place on the [anglican.ca](#) link noted above, as well as Facebook and YouTube. Sharing details of this service, online and/or elsewhere, is both welcomed and encouraged!
- * If you have a link of a recording to a Lessons and Carol service from this year (or for one yet to take place), please feel free to send details to [Alicia Brown](#) at the National office. Alicia plans to publish a roundup in the next week or so (via the Ministry Matters blog), of 2020 Lessons & Carol service recordings or links from dioceses and parishes across the country. Also please send your Lessons & Carols service to the Territory office, so we can share them on the Territory website.

COVID-19: December 8th - from the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Provincial Health Officer - update for faith based organizations.. click [here](#)

Christmas Riddles:

If it takes 5 elves 5 minutes to make 5 dolls, how long will it take 100 elves to make 100 dolls?

Which of Santa's reindeer can be seen on Valentine's Day?

Where does a snowman keep his money?

Why are Christmas trees bad knitters?

Why does Santa like to work in the garden?

5 minutes
Cupid
In a snow bank
Because they're always dropping their needles
Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe.

Dates to Remember:

Dec 18 to Jan 3	Territory Office closed
January 5	Normal office hours resume
January 28	Administration Committee 7:00pm via Zoom
February 28	Deadline for Annual Vestry Meetings (AVM)
March 15	Deadline for all AVM Reports to the office
March 15	Deadline Ministry Fund Grants
April 1	Deadline Anglican Foundation Grants
April 15	Deadline Capital Fund Grants