



The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021
10:30 am

Prelude

Tim Elliott

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Hymn #88

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship God, our creator
let us confess our sins:

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

Peal of Bells

Peter Ryde

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: *Carrie Bockus*

Psalm 25:1-10

- 25:1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 25:2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 25:3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
- 25:5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- 25:6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- 25:7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
- 25:8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

25:10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Gradual Hymn #107

Prepare the Way of Lord
(5x)

The Gospel Luke 21: 25-36

The Rev. Tom Patterson

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Rev. Canon Lorne Mitchell

Hymn #89

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(vs 1,2)

Hear O Israel

Let us say together:

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: *Pam Ayres*

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Hymn #94

Wait for the Lord
(4x)

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers 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 forever. Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

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.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord
 be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Doxology

**Glory to God, whose power working in
us, can do infinitely more than we can
ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church
and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn #108

Hark, A Herald Voice is Sounding
(vs 1,2,3)

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Tim Elliott

Our Worship Team this Week:

The Rev. Canon Lorne Mitchell

The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson

Tim Elliott

Rick Falshaw

Chris Fisher

Carrie Bockus

Wade Phibbs

Pam Ayres

Peter Ryde

Pastoral Needs

For Pastoral needs please contact:

The Rev. Canon Lorne Mitchell
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Admission to Jazz Vespers

The Wardens wish to remind you, that like all other services now, Jazz Vespers on Sunday, December 5th, will be an event with limited seating. If you plan to attend, please call Karen Haslam at 519-273-5398 to reserve a seat. Karen will assign you a number (or numbers) to accommodate you (or your party). You will be required to give the number(s) to a monitor seated in the Narthex before being granted admission to the service.

Simple Gifts for Christmas

Once again, St. James Outreach is offering us a way to reach out to friends and relatives with a beautiful Christmas card, and at the same time, lend support to a charity of our choice.

Pictures of the cards and information about the charities are on the parish website.

Janet McCarthy will gladly take your order by phone (519-271-0450) or by email at janetmccarthy@sympatico.ca and she, or other Outreach Committee members, will deliver your cards to your home.

Payment is by e-Transfer, cheque, or through the website.

All the information you need is at <https://www.stjamesstratford.ca/simple-gifts>.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Treasurer??

After 18 years of dedicated service, our esteemed Treasurer, Jeff Boyce will be retiring at the Vestry Meeting in January.

The Wardens are looking for a new Treasurer whose task it will be to review and report on the parish's finances.

If you would be interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact one of the Wardens as soon as possible.

Call Beverley in the church office at 519-271-3572 if you need telephone numbers, or email addresses, for any of the Wardens.