



Cathedral News

March 30, 2025

THIS SUNDAY:

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30 2025 | 8am & 10:30 am

The Very Rev. Dean Doug Michael, preacher
The Rev. Canon Peter Case, presider

READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NEXT SUNDAY:

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025 | 8am & 10:30am

Eric Friesen, preacher
The Ven. Bob Hales, presider

READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

The Hymns We Sing: *Lift high the cross* - Phil Rogers

George W. Kitchin (1827-1912) wrote this hymn as the processional hymn for a festival service of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at Winchester Cathedral, probably in June 1886. Kitchin was educated at the King's College School and King's College, London, and then at Christ Church, Oxford (B.A. 1850, with a double first). He was ordained to the diaconate in 1852 and to the priesthood in 1859. Kitchin held several academic positions at Oxford; he was involved in the founding of Somerville Hall, now Somerville College, and he worked in other quasi-academic positions. He wrote or edited a number of scholarly books, including a three-volume history of France and an edition of Bacon's *Novum Organum*. In 1883 Kitchin was appointed Dean of Winchester; during his time there he personally oversaw the reconstruction of the Great Screen. In 1894, he was appointed Dean of Durham and in 1908, the first Chancellor of Durham University.

Kitchin wrote "Lift high the cross" in 12 couplets. Novello published it as an anthem for three cantors and chorus with music by James Baden Powell, Precentor of St Paul's, Knightsbridge, before November 1886. The hymn was significantly revised for the 1916 *Supplement to A&M* by Michael R. Newbolt (1874-1956). Newbolt, educated at St John's College, Oxford (B.A. 1895), was ordained to the priesthood in 1900. After several livings he became Principal of a Missionary College in Dorchester (1910-1916), later moving to an Anglo-Catholic parish in Brighton. He was a Canon of Chester Cathedral 1927-1946. Newbolt kept Kitchin's first couplet, but little else; his version is also in 12 couplets, a few of which are similar in thought to some of Kitchin's. Newbolt may have intended to call to mind the tradition of the Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross and the motto "In hoc signo vinces" before a significant battle. We sing a version of Newbolt's text altered, as in many modern hymnals, to remove militaristic imagery and to reduce masculine language.

The 1916 text was set to Sydney Nicholson's tune "Crucifer" (cross bearer, alluding to the first line of the hymn). Nicholson (1875-1947), born in London, was educated at Rugby School and then at New College, Oxford (B.A. 1897), where he read English. He then entered the Royal College of Music, studying with Walter Parratt and C.V. Stanford. He received an Oxford B.Mus. in 1902 and was awarded a Lambeth D.Mus. in 1928; he was knighted in 1938. Nicholson held organist positions at Eton College, Carlisle Cathedral, Manchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey (1919-1928). In 1927 he founded the School of English Church Music (renamed Royal School of Church Music in 1945) and resigned from the Abbey to be its full-time director. Nicholson was the musical adviser for the 1916 *Supplement to A&M*, for which he composed "Crucifer."

Community Testimonials for the Website

Our communications assistant Matt Fraser is hoping to add testimonials from congregants onto the website! If you would like to offer a brief quote as a testimonial, please get in touch with him. Here's a sample: "St. George's has been a warm and welcoming community for my husband and me, and serving on the flower guild has given me a meaningful way to give back by creating memorial flower arrangements for the congregation." Matt would be most grateful to hear from you :-). His email is: mfraser@stgeorgescathedral.ca.

*During Lent, there will be no flowers on the High Altar as it is the season of Penitence.
Any memorial flowers during this season will be placed before the Nave Altar.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Services

Wednesday, April 2

Choral Evensong • 7pm

Tuesday, April 8

Caritas Holy Eucharist • 7:30 am

Holy Week at the Cathedral

Saturday 12 April

Charles Wood's *St Mark Passion* (freewill offering) • 3pm

Palm Sunday (13 April)

Holy Eucharist • 8am & 10:30am

Holy Tuesday (15 April)

Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Clergy Vows • 12pm

Holy Wednesday (16 April)

There is no Choral Evensong on this day.

Maundy Thursday (17 April)

Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing • 7pm

Good Friday (18 April)

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday • 11am

Holy Saturday (19 April)

The Great Vigil of Easter • 8pm

Easter Day (20 April)

Festal Eucharist • 8am & 10:30am

Easter Flower Donations

The Flower Guild invites donations towards our Easter flowers and decorations, in memory of a *loved one* or as a *thank you* offering. There is a form for your donation at the back of the Cathedral and at the table near Johnson Street Exit and just outside the Stuart Room entrance that can be filled out and left in the boxes provided. Many thanks from the Flower Guild. If possible, please have your memorial into the Cathedral by Wednesday, April 16. A digital copy of the form is attached with this newsletter and is available under "News" on the Cathedral Website. Many thanks from the Flower Guild.

Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays at 1:15pm

All are invited to the final two sessions of Fr. Gerry Moore's Lenten Bible Study on April 2 and 9 at 1:15pm. This week's theme is: **The Crucifixion - Study 3**. The study guide document was sent with the newsletter on Friday.

Notes from the Treasurer - 4th week of March

Regrettably our regular Sunday envelopes and loose donations (PAG not included) have gradually fallen off for weeks 2, 3 and 4. The goal for the end of week 4, was \$11,600 and to date we have collected \$9,768; thus, a shortfall of \$1,832. Let's all pull together and see if we can eliminate that shortfall and finish the month on a high note!! On a more positive note, donations to Slay the Dragon (Debt) as of week 4 are \$1,700.

Warren Everett, Treasurer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We welcome names for prayer. Prayer requests can be offered by filling out a prayer notice located in the narthex. We review the Prayer List frequently. Should you prefer to keep a name on the list, or to add another name, please contact the office.

WE PRAY FOR: Prayers for Penny and family, Gwyneth Holtrop and family, Rebecca, Deacon Don Goodwin, Hannah Anderson-Marshall, Tony Capon, Marvin Siemens, Gill Cleghorn, Christina McKerrow, Anne Juneau, Jim Stewart, David Cameron, Verna Clancy, The Ven. Michael Caswell, Bill McCready, Kit Wheeler and for the Middle East and Ukraine.

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