

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house Judah.

“‘In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.”

COLLECT:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to 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 the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PSALM: 25.1-9

¹ In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.

² I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

GOSPEL

Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said: ‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd December

09.30 COV: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)
09.30 SPA: Morning Worship (*Jill Dighton*)
10.45 KIM: Family Christingle Service (*Lay Leader*)
15.00 STO: Evensong (*Jill Dighton*)

Sunday 9th December

09.30 TIL: Family Service (*Lay Leader*)
09.30 EAS: Parish Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
10.45 KIM: Family Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
15.00 SPA: Messy Church: Christingle (*Lay Leader*)

Saturday 15th December

17.00 TIL: Christingle Service (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)

Sunday 16th December

09.30 COV: Morning Worship (*Lay Leader*)
09.30 STO: BCP Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
09.30 SPA: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)
10.45 KIM: Matins (*Revd R Lancaster*)
18.00 KIM: Carol Service (*Revd R Lancaster*)

Sunday 23rd December

18.00 EAS: Carol Service (*Revd J. Young*)
18.00 STO: Carol Service (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
10.45 KIM: Parish Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)

Monday December 24th

23.30 KIM: Midnight Mass (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
23.30 SPA: Midnight Mass (*Revd I Brennand*)

Christmas Day Services

09.30 COV w.TIL: Family Communion
(Revd Dr J Rawlinson)
10.30 STO: Family Communion (*Revd Dr J Rawlinson*)
10.45 KIM: Family Communion (*Revd R Lancaster*)
09.30 EAS: Family Communion (*Revd J. Young*)

Sunday 30th December

10.45 KIM: Group Service

The South Leightonstone Group of Parishes

*(Barham & Woolley, Covington, Easton, Kimbolton,
Spaldwick, Stow Longa and Tilbrook)*



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