

COLLECT OF THE WEEK:

Almighty Father, your Son came to us in humility as our saviour and at the last day he will come again in glory as our judge: give us grace to turn away from darkness to the light of Christ that we will be ready to welcome him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

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DEVOTION: LUKE 21:25-36

25 "There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. 26 People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. 27 Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. 28 When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near." 29 Then Jesus told them this parable: "Think of the fig tree and all the other trees. 30 When you see their leaves beginning to appear, you know that summer is near. 31 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the Kingdom of God is about to come. 32 "Remember that all these things will take place before the people now living have all died. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 "Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth. 36 Be on watch and pray always that you will have the strength to go safely through all those things that will happen and to stand before the Son of Man."

Anima Christi - Spiritual Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever. Amen

ST CHAD'S AT PRAYER:

Monday 29 November 2021

Let us pray: Eternal God, thank you for giving us this day. Father, You desire Your children to live in fellowship with one another; keep us from everything which would make us difficult to live with today. Help us to speak in ways that would not hurt another's feelings or wound a heart, let our words encourage and give hope. Keep us from irritability, fault finding and criticism. Keep us from selfishness which only sees our own point of view and which wants only our own way. Grant us patience. In every moment of this day make us ever to remember You and that in You we live and move and have our being. Amen.

Tuesday 30 November 2021

Let us pray: Merciful Lord, we pray for Your Church. Remove any shame resting on the Church, being a silent spectator. Strip us, as Believers, of all our religious practices; teach us godly discipline and order. Father show us how to prevail in difficult situations, prevent us from constantly accusing You and others, and stop us from feeling sorry for ourselves. Restore Your strength and power to the Church that Your Name might be glorified through preaching the Gospel, healing the sick and leading thousands out of darkness into Your marvellous light (*1 Peter 2:9*). Restore Your Church to become a testimony of Christ, the Desire of the nations and the Light of the world (*John 9:5; Revelations 1:1-2*). Amen.

Wednesday 1 December 2021 - World AIDS Day

Let us pray: We pray for our Minister of Health, Dr Mathume Joseph "Joe" Phaahla and all who work in the department of health. Lord God, we ask that they would be open to the intervention of the Living God to solve practical health issues in our country. We pray for our policy makers and regional health authorities that they continue to work in the fight against HIV and AIDS, especially during these times of the Covid Pandemic. Enable them to find new ways to encourage people to be more aware of the dangers of infection. Father, many schemes have been tried, and yet people are still becoming infected. We pray dear God, for the salvation of people living immoral and ungodly lives. Open their eyes to the realities of their lifestyles and help them to turn from their ways. We pray especially for those who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS and also for those who have been affected in any way as a result of this disease. We give thanks for national AIDS programs, faith organisations, community organisations and individuals around the world who continue to fight for universal access to essential health care. We pray dear Jesus, for God's favour to bring about supernatural healings to the glory of His name. Amen.

Thursday 2 December 2021

Let us pray: Most gracious and loving God, we derive so much joy from Christian worship – thank you. Thank you Lord, that as prayer, preaching, giving, and interacting, are key components of Christian worship, so is singing. As we look forward to singing in church again, we pray for our worship group, musicians and those who select the choruses and hymns at St Chad. Thank you for their love of music, their commitment and their dedication in leading us in corporate expressions of worship. We pray that they will continually be guided by the Holy Spirit, as they prepare their choices of music for each service. We pray also, that all in the congregation would be encouraged to lift their voices in praise, that You Father God, would be glorified. We pray this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Friday 3 December 2021

Let us pray: Father, we cry out for a renewed hunger and thirst in the heart of the Church; to read, study, pray and practically apply the principles of the written Word. Bring humility in every heart to be taught, rebuked, corrected and trained, to follow Your ways without compromise. Father, we ask for the 'fear of the Lord' to return to the heart of the Church. Help us as Your Church to realise you are our Friend, Father and Helper, but not in any way our equal, whom we can disrespect, give orders to, or manipulate so that we are given whatever we want. Help us to discern Your will in all situations. Stir up our hearts to study Your Word and to learn how to fear You, for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding (*Job 28:28*). It is clean, enduring forever (*Psalms 19:9*). Make us holy. Amen.

Saturday 4 December 2021

Meditation Advent - We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We recall his coming as a tiny baby in weakness and humility to a world just as broken then as it is now. We look forward with hope to the time when He will return in power and glory, when the brokenness will be made whole and He begins His reign.

Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love.
Come, Lord God, change us and we shall be changed.
Come, increase our awareness of your presence.
Come, strengthen our love for you.
Come, fill our hearts with holiness.
Come, awaken us to be ready and watchful for your coming.

- David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory* -