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Fr. Robert's Remarks



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Greetings, The Lord be with you!

We fast approach the end of another ecclesiastic year and with Advent Sunday we begin a new year.

A couple of weeks ago— Trinity XXI—we heard the Epistle from Ephesians 6 encouraging us to "Put on the whole armour of

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God" and we were encouraged to "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

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FR. DAVID MARRIOTT, SSC

The Prophet Micah writes, 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.'

As we observe our world, with conflict in Ukraine, in Myanmar, in Haiti, in the Sahel in Africa, all of which have an impact on our lives, to a greater or lesser degree, we might doubt the value of the prophecy, but we have to consider that we can only see from human eyes, we can only measure time by human values, and, sad to say, these attitudes have always led so many, from those who: 'And they rose up early on the morrow, and

offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.' (Exodus 32.6), all the way through what seem to be endless conflicts around the world, so that they, just like those who believed that their leader, Moses, had disappeared, that their faith has wavered, just as Jesus writes of the Sower and the Seed: 'When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.' (Matthew 13.19-21) And when hard times come, and daily life becomes even more difficult, interest rates rise and income falls: 'He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.' (Matthew 13.22).

But it is that all of this anxiety and depression did not affect Micah, writing in 750-700 BC, at a time when, 'after a long period of peace, Israel, Judah, and the other nations of the

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region came under increasing pressure from the aggressive and rapidly expanding Neo-Assyrian empire. Between 734 and 727 Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria conducted almost annual campaigns in Palestine, reducing the Kingdom of Israel, the Kingdom of Judah and the Philistine cities to vassalage.' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Micah)

It did not affect Micah, because he understood that the values and timescales of man were so very different from those of God, and that the struggle between 'Good' and 'Evil' was always carried out on a different plateau, in a dimension which we cannot perceive, but in which, Evil could manipulate mankind to wrongdoing in its unholy pursuit of power, as we have seen throughout the centuries. But Micah was able to withstand all of this through his faith in God, so that he writes: 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more', even as he knows that this will only be achieved at the time when mankind has repented, has expressed contrition for all that they have done, and received absolution for past wrongs. It is only then that 'they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid'. It is this message that we are called to 'acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.' (BCP p. 4)

This Exhortation to prayer at Mattins should be understood as a clear call to follow the Moral and Ethical code established for each one of us by Our Saviour, Jesus Christ: who can argue with the simple common sense of His Words in the Gospel of Matthew (although so many do!): in the sermon on the mount: 'And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth:



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but if the salt have lost his sayour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.' (Matt. 5.2-18)

Bonnie's Reflections: All The Saints



For all the Saints, who from their bours rest. Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

BONNIE IVEY (& LAD)

We have recently observed the Feast of All Saints, followed by the Feast of All Souls. In the first, we honor the great ones of our Christian family story: the ones who have their names in books and portraits on our walls. On the Feast of All Souls, we remember the saints-with-asmall-S. These are the ordinary people who have passed away, especially those whom we loved during their lifetime, whose example and teaching nourished our own faith in God. We are called to be that kind of saint, supporting one another as we make our way past the challenges of "the world, the flesh, and the devil." Some of us are very much alone in our faith, or laboring to strengthen one another in small groups. We get discouraged by the world's indifference, even hostility, to Christianity. In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he addresses this kind of spiritual uphill battle. He reminds the Christians in Rome of the prophet Elijah's experience centuries before.

King Ahab had murdered many prophets in his desire to establish Baal as the god of the Jews. The hunt for Elijah was on, with intent to silence him for good, and he was in hiding. "Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left!" he cries.

The Lord replies, "I have reserved for myself seven thousand men who



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have not bowed the knee to Baal. Even so, then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Romans 11: 3-5)

"O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine. Yet all are one in Thee, for we are Thine. Alleluia, alleluia!"

This hymn was written by William Walsham How. (1823-1897) He served several years as the Suffragan Bishop of the East London district, known for its poverty and crime. He was a good speaker who strove to make church services come alive. He went out daily to spend time with the people in their daily lives. Walking through the area, he saw the homeless, the hungry, the working poor who lived three generations in a single room. Social services were staggeringly inadequate. Walsham How decided there was need for lay workers, especially women, to help struggling families. He introduced an Order of Deaconesses to minister in the area.

The district has been described as "The Black Hole of Capitalism" for here were the poorly paid workers whose labor enriched the industrial big shots. One can imagine the strain and frequent disappointments of Walsham How's ministry. But he wrote in this hymn:

"And when the strife is fierce, the battle long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song. And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

He found encouragement in the Communion of Saints, the living connection between the Christians of the present, and those who have become part of the company of Heaven. The distant triumph song is theirs.

Christian writer Frederica Mathewes-Green puts it this way. "When you hear of a friend's need, your heart cries out. That's something that happens among believers, in intercessory prayer. You could not say to yourself, 'Don't pray for him, he's praying for himself, and that's all that should be done.' You want to pray for others...The great cloud of witnesses referred to by St. Paul (in Hebrews 12) is the community of the saved...They are awake and aware, and also constantly in God's presence, constantly in prayer."

When the devil whispers to us that we are insignificant, unwanted, inadequate fools, that our whole congregation would fit in one bus or even one elevator, we must remember the distant triumph song. We must remember that our Lord is faithful, and he has given us influential friends in high places. The great Saints, the beloved saints-with-a-small-S, will pray with us that God's will be done.

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The following talks are excerpted from The Children's Round of Fast and Feast written by Canon Charles Bell of York in 1900 and a second edition in 1907. These are drawn from the 1907 edition.

First Week in Advent

ADVENT Sunday is the first day of the Church's year. The word Advent means coming. It is a time set apart for preparation. Let me explain what I mean by that long word. You know that when a guest, a grown-up friend of father's or mother's, or a little friend of your own, is coming to see you, you have to get ready to meet them; you have to wash your hands and face, and put on your best clothes That is preparation to meet your friend. Now, Advent is the time of preparation for the keeping of CHRIST'S birthday on Christmas Day. You like to know that your relations and friends are preparing and getting ready to keep your birthday. It makes you very happy to know that for some time beforehand father and mother have been thinking how they can make you happy on that day, and I am sure that you look forward to some gifts on your birthday.

If you love the LORD JESUS CHRIST you will be very glad to use these days of Advent in getting ready to keep His birthday well. Shall we try and think of something that we can do to please our LORD on His birthday? Now, I know one thing which always pleases Him very much, and that is to see His children trying to be like Him. When we think of CHRIST coming down from heaven to be a little Child in the manger at Bethlehem, in order to save us, we see how very unselfish He is. Would it not be a very good thing if we were to try, this Advent, to be like Him in unselfishness? I am afraid that we are, all of us, selfish in some way or other; and the worst of it is, that many of us have not yet found out in what way we are selfish.

If any one came to you and said, "You are selfish," you would very likely answer, "No, I'm not." We must spend some time in thinking about this before we can really say that we are not selfish. To begin with, if you saw two very nice things on a table, and you were told that one of them was for you and the other was for someone else, which would you choose? Would you take the nicer of the two things? Try and give a really true answer to this, and if you find that it would be very hard indeed not to choose the better of the two things, then you will know that you have got to fight against selfishness.

Sometimes we get into the way of being very selfish indeed, just because people are very fond of us and very kind to us. We make a bad use of love and kindness; we let it make us worse instead of better. That is what people call being "spoilt." Remember, it is a great deal our own fault if we are spoilt.

Now, how are we going to get rid of this fault? First of all, we must ask our dear LORD to help us to be unselfish, and then we must watch ourselves, in order that we may check ourselves whenever we are going to be selfish.

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I am going to give you a little text, which will help you to remember these two things:—

"Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation."

But this is not all that we can do. We must not only guard against selfishness, but we must also practise unselfishness. Think how our dear LORD gave up the glory of heaven and the songs of the holy angels, to come down to earth and live in a poor home, and suffer and die for us. Does it not make you want to do something unselfish, so as to be a little more like Him?



Try, then, to do one unselfish action each day. If you are not quite certain what to do, wait a few moments on your knees, after you have finished your morning prayers, and make up your mind what you will do; and I am quite sure that if you are really serious about this, more than one chance of doing an unselfish action will come to you each day.



Second Week in Advent

THIS week we will think about preparing to meet our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We know that we shall all meet Him one day, and He will ask us how we have spent our lives, and what use we have made of all the good things which He has given us.

Remember, my dear child, that GOD has given you this time of your life in order that you may use it as a preparation for your future life as a grown-up man or woman. Don't be always wanting to be grown up, but make good use of the time while you are young to get ready for the work which GOD means you to do in the world. Never put off doing a thing which you know to be good and right till you are older, and never put off trying to overcome your faults, because you think that there will be plenty

of time for that when you are grown up. It is a great deal easier to correct a fault while you are young; and if faults are allowed to go on they very often become bad habits, which it may take a whole lifetime to overcome. Do you know that you will be the same person twenty years hence as you are now? I think, when you are grown up, you will be surprised, it you look back, to find how little you have changed. Be very careful not to think that you will outgrow your faults. Begin to get ready for life now; begin to serve our dear LORD now.

Let me explain a little more clearly about this. Perhaps some-times you have

given way to angry passions, and mother said, "What will people think of you if you do that when you are grown up?" And you have answered, "Of course I shan't do it when I am grown up."

My dear child, perhaps you will not do it in the same way, but be quite sure of this—if you do not check those angry passions now, they will make a very, very great deal of misery for you when you are grown up.

Or perhaps you have told a story, only a little one, about quite a tiny little thing; and you cannot see that you have done anything very wrong. You feel quite sure that when you are grown up you will never tell a lie. Do not make any mistake; if you are

untruthful now you will grow up to be untruthful, and perhaps will get into great disgrace some day.

I wonder if you sometimes say, "When I am grown up I will do as I like." Do you sometimes feel that "grown-ups" are always allowed to do as they like, while children have to do as they are told? Do you sometimes feel that it is very hard on you that you are not allowed to do certain things? Try very hard to get rid of these feelings. You will find all through your life, yes, even when you are quite grown up, that you will have to go without many things you like, and do a great many things which you would rather not do. Put away these discontented thoughts; be a cheerful, loving, obedient child; and whenever you feel that it is hard not to be allowed to do something you like, or to be obliged to do something you do not like, say to yourself, "This is meant to help me to get ready for my life and work when I am grown up."

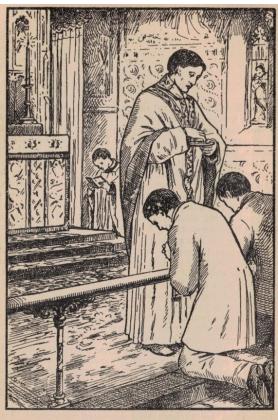


Third Week in Aduent

THERE will be one great day in your life, when for the first time you will meet JESUS CHRIST in a very beautiful and wonderful way—I

mean the day of your First Communion. If you are too young as yet to be prepared for your First Communion, but you are not too young to begin to think about it, and look forward to it.

Perhaps you go to Church. I wonder if you have ever been taken there when the Service of the Holy Communion is being offered to GOD our heavenly FATHER. What does the priest do? He takes bread and wine, and when he says the words, "This Is My Body—This Is My Blood," God makes the bread and wine to be the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of JESUS CHRIST. Then this holy Food is given to the people,



Boly Communion.

and so they take the Lord JESUS into themselves. On the right there is a picture of the priest giving the holy Body of our LORD to GOD's servants.

You, dear child, will take Him to yourself, in this way, on the happy day of your First Communion, and you ought to be looking forward to that day very much. You ought to be trying to get ready for it, just as you would get ready to meet some one whom you love very much. Besides Jesus is very great and perfectly good. No one in this world is nearly as great and good as He is. We must take more care than ever in getting ready to meet Him. Do you remember, when we were thinking about preparation, how I tried to explain the meaning of the word by reminding you of the way in which you would prepare, or get ready, to meet one of your friends? You would wash your face and hands, and put on your best clothes. There is a verse in the Psalms which says, "I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to Thine altar."

Dear child, try to keep your baptismal innocence! I must explain what I mean, In your Baptism GOD gave you perfect purity from sin, like a white robe; try to keep that robe white and clean. When you hear people talking about bad people and their doings do not listen; put your fingers in your ears so as not to hear one single word. Never want to know about, or hear about, or read about bad people and their doings. Be very much afraid of sin. Do not be afraid of the dark or the thunder, but run away from everything impure lest you get your white robe of innocence soiled.

Then there is another verse in the Bible which says, "Be clothed with humility." If a great friend was coming to see you, you would ask yourself, "Which dress does my friend like to see me in best?" and you would put that dress on. Jesus likes best to see you in the dress of humility. In order to be humble, you must try to get rid of all pride. It is so very easy to be proud, to think too highly of ourselves. Perhaps we think ourselves nice-looking, or pretty, and we look down upon those who are not good-looking. We must remember that God made every one of us, and if He has given one a nicerlooking face than another, He has not done so to make that one proud or vain. Pride can very soon make the most beautiful face ugly. Again, we must be very careful not to think ourselves too great and too high to speak nicely and gently to every one; we must not always be talking about what we have said and about what we have done; let us wait till we are asked to talk about ourselves, and then speak simply and truthfully.

These are two ways in which you can be getting ready for your First Communion.

Tell the LORD JESUS in your prayers that you are looking forward to meeting Him at His altar. I am quite sure that He is looking forward to meeting you, and it will be a very great happiness to Him to know that you are preparing for it.

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Fourth Week in Advent

WE have already mentioned birthday presents. You know that Christmas Day is our dear LORD's birthday; would it not be very nice to give Him a birthday present?

Perhaps you will wonder very much how you can give Him a present. You know that He lives in heaven, and you feel that He has everything, and that He cannot possibly want anything. "What can I give?" you say. "Christ would not care for any little thing that I could give." But I think that you make a mistake when you say or think that Christ would not care for what you can give Him. I know one thing which you can give Him, which He wants and cares for very much, and that thing is more love. You can never imagine, my dear child, how much our dear LORD loves you, nor can you think how much He wants your love. How can we show our love for Jesus? He Himself has told us, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments," that is to say, "If you want to show Me that you love Me, do as I tell you."

Let us think of some of the things He has told us to do. He has told us that we must not pay back evil for evil; we must not take revenge, but forgive one another. I wonder if you are bad friends with any one. If so, will you try and forgive them before Christmas? And then, if you have done wrong to any one, will you go and ask them to forgive you? Jesus will be very pleased indeed with that Christmas present.

Then we can show our love for our LORD by being loving and kind to others. I am sure you will be giving presents to father and mother at Christmas. That is very nice and very right; but I am thinking that it would be very nice if you were to give a present to some one who you know will not be able to give you one in return. I expect you will soon think of some poor or sick person to whom a little present from you would bring a great deal of happiness, and our LORD has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." That means that whenever you do a kind action to one who is poor or weak, it is just the same as if you had done it to the LORD JESUS Himself.

But there is another kind of present which you can give to our dear LORD at Christmas. You know that on that great festival we try to make the church as beautiful as we can? When you go into church you see the holy altar covered with its best and richest cloth, and a great many beautiful flowers all about the church. Do you know that it is very difficult to get flowers at Christmas? Now I am going to tell you of a little plan. Supposing that you were to put aside some part of your Christmas money to get some flowers as a Christmas present for our dear LORD. He will come to His altar on Christmas Day, and I am quite sure that He will be very pleased to find some flowers from you to greet Him. Do not want to buy a great many, just a few very good ones will be best, and then, on Christmas Eve, take them to your good priest, and ask him to put them on God's altar, with your love.

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Republic of Kenya



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Congo

As you may recall, the Appeal has, for some time (and with thanks to our benefactors), paid the school fees for the three children, Gloire Matabaro the son of





Faraja, Anaweza Mutayongwa the daughter of Baraka and Elie Mushamuka Batumike the son of Wivine. Some years ago, the then Fr. Steven told us of how their families had rejected Faraja, Baraka and Wivine who had been raped and become pregnant. The Appeal managed to send funds for three sewing machines, so that the mothers could learn sewing skills and thereby earn an income and provide for their infant children.

The 'sewing school' has now been integrated into the 'Centre d'Encadrement des filles et femmes en Coupe Couture' (Training Centre for women and girls in 'Cutting and Sewing'), as you can, perhaps, read in the photograph, at the Cathedral site in Bukavu.

One of the tragedies of life in the DRC, and especially in Eastern Congo, is that rape has been used as a weapon of war, to destroy family unity, so it is no surprise that Gloir, Anaweza & Elie have been joined by others in the congregation, as we see in the second photograph. Can you help?

Kenya



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In Kenya, Bishop John Ndegwa has completed another Mission journey, to establish Saint John's Kathaka, in Kirinyaga district took place yesterday. Kirinyaga district is north of Nairobi, and includes Mount Kenya National Park, the only place in Africa that I saw snow, when my flight.

Bishop John Ndegwa writes: 'This was the most challenging but most productive mission of all. We thank God for His provision.

We were able to consecrate items that we delivered at the mission, baptized 21 people and confirmed 12. Most of the confirmed were the same baptized and thankfully most were adults.'

Looking ahead, Bishop John writes: 'On 28th May 2023 (Whitsunday) there shall be 3 main activities that shall take place in Kenya

- Ordination of 3 deacons
- Creation of 2 Archdeaconries in Kenya and installation of the Archdeacons (Nairobi and Mount Kenya Archdeaconries)
- Official launch of the Kenyan BCP to elevate, unify and strengthen worship in this missionary Diocese.



The Africa Appeal is an outreach project of the Traditional Anglican Church of Canada (TACC) administered by the parish of St. Bride of Kildare & the Society of St. Columba of Iona. Along with traditional Anglicans in the USA, Australia, and the UK, it supports churches in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Cameroon, South Sudan, Kenya and Rwanda. These fast-growing churches are members of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) -Original Province, a worldwide communion of traditional Anglican Churches. Funds collected are used for clergy support and various projects developed and run by Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge (Congo), Bishop Wilson Garang (South Sudan), Bishop Alphonse Ndutiye (Cameroon), Bishop John Kamande Ndegwa (Kenya) and Father Shadrack Niyibizi (Rwanda).



Cameroon,

We have written to Bishop Alphonse, requesting the reports for the wall construction, the health centre progress and the toilet/washroom facilities. It has become clear that progress on each of these has been severely affected by illness affecting the workers, including the impact of the covid pandemic. More recently, Bishop Alphonse has been affected by a painful bacterial infection in his hand, as well as time spent in the hospital recovering from typhoid fever, another bacterial infection. It is unfortunate that all his efforts have been delayed in this regard, although he reports that the agricultural project funded by Anglican Aid Abroad, has proven very successful.

How to support these churches:

There are no deductions from money received by the Appeal; the full dollar amount is sent to Cameroon, Congo, South Sudan, Rwanda or Kenya. Administrative costs, eg, money transfer fees, are paid from gifts received for this purpose.

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St. Bride of Kildare Pitt Meadows, BC 604-551-4660 When I was a child, we were given little memory cards with verses written on them. There was often a picture. With these armour of God verses, there was a picture of a Roman soldier or a mediaeval knight. It was not until much later that I connected the armour of God with the priestly robes of the Jewish priests in the story of Joshua at Jericho who carried no swords or shields and not the armour of self-sufficiency provided by the Roman armour.. All of us are part of the Royal Priesthood of the Baptised.

Among other things, Advent teaches pray to God that he would give us 'grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light'. It is a good reminder for us when we are all caught up in the circumstances of life that it is God who works in us. We never have to be alone. He is always there working in us and through us.

May God bless you and keep you!

More next month.

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