

**ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES
ANGLICAN CHURCH, CHAMBLY
AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE CANDLE OF JOY
DECEMBER 12, 2021**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Rev'd. Andrew O'Donnell

Organist: Karl-Frédéric Bolte

The service begins on Page 185 of the BAS with the
"Gathering of the Community"

Sentence:

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord
has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.**

[Isaiah 61.1]

Opening Hymn:

CP #349 "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Greetings / Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day:

**God of power and mercy, you call us once again to
celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things
which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may
find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: Dorothy Cunningham-Wo

This morning's first reading comes from the Book of Zephaniah in the 3rd Chapter, beginning at the 14th verse.

[Zephaniah 3:14-20]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.
[Silence followed by:]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

THANKS BE TO GOD.

We will read Canticle 3 "The Song of Thanksgiving"

together:

[Isaiah 12:2-6]

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Amen.

This morning's second reading comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, beginning at the 4th verse.

[Philippians 4:4-7]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [Silence followed by:]

*For the Word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. **THANKS BE TO GOD***

Gradual Hymn: CP 527 "How Firm a Foundation"

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke in the 3rd Chapter beginning at the 7th verse.

[Luke 3:7-18]

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Holy Gospel of of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd. Andrew O'Donnell

The Nicene Creed [BAS Page 188]

Prayers of the People: Claude Dubois

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Ancient One, the source and giver of life, the Alpha and Omega, who is and who was and who is to come: You have poured out your divine life into humanity through Christ to whom is given dominion and glory and authority. Let our prayers come into your holy presence with reconciling and healing power, as we pray: Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, that shall not pass away.

Litanist: You have united us to your Son Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth: Give wisdom to your Church that she may belong to the truth and listen to Christ's voice.

Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,

that shall not pass away

You reign in transcendent splendour, over all rulers and authorities, all powers and principalities: Let your dream and hope for your creation give vision to our nation, its leaders, and to all who hold authority in the world, that all peoples, nations, and languages may be reconciled under your reign of love. Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,

that shall not pass away

The kingdom of Christ is without boundary or limitation: We pray for everyone throughout the world who looks for help from above, relief from suffering, liberation from oppression, and hope for the future.

Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,

that shall not pass away.

You have made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved: Visit this community with your grace and peace, that your truth and compassion may make us a kingdom of priests who serve each other in the Name of God.

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Your divine fire energizes and purifies the world with your light: Be present in the lives of those who need you, as we intercede on behalf of our Foster Children, Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ronnie and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and

Joyce, Lyne Pierce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Mike, Arlene and family, Denise Dubois, Anne Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, The Steirli family, Bev and Frances Hynes, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil Robinson, Patrick Turgeon, Ann Hopkins, Barry and Della Yaxley, Virginia, Gabriel, Sylvia Dawson, Amanda McCordic, Jerry Osborne, Patrick Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Donald Sloane, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Brandon, Robin and Sheila Nasmith, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts, Keith Donahue, Jerry Prokoki, and Allen Macfarlene. We offer our grateful thanks for your presence and deliverance. Let those who have died sit with the triumphant Christ in glory especially Kathleen Christie. We praise and thank you for the manifestation of your presence and power among us. In your eternal presence are the thousand times ten thousand who serve your glory as you continue to bring all humanity into your divine life; welcome those who come to you.

Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,

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*Presider: Infinite and transcendent God, your glory fills all creation and your authority extends beyond time and forever: By the might of the Holy Spirit, open our lives to your grace and truth, that we may continually see Christ at his coming, to whom be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.***

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. In the world we pray for the The Anglican Church of Canada. In our own Diocese, we pray for Episcopal Council, The Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacons.

*Vicar General The Ven Robert Camara, and the Episcopal Secretary Ms Maria Abate. We pray for healing for Sophie Bertrand, Human Resources, Bishop's Office. We continue our prayers for the Territory of the People who were devastated by the wildfires and for St. Michael's, Merritt, BC who are suffering from the flooding waters. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your Mercy, **hear our prayers.***

Confession and Absolution [Page 191]

The Peace / Echange de la paix [Page 192]

Offertory Hymn: CP #349 "All People that on Earth do Dwell"

Prayer over the gifts:

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Nellie McCarthy, Ena and Royce Chamberlin, Nabil Hagggar and Arlette Khoury from the Aura/Chamberlin family.

We will use Eucharistic Prayer #3 on Page 198 of the BAS with the preface for Advent on Page 219.

The Breaking of the Bread #5 for Advent, Pg. 212

Rev'd. Andy will come down from the Altar and distribute the bread to all who wish to receive.

The Lord's Prayer: [Page 211]

Prayer after Communion:

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Doxology [P. 214]

Dismissal: Page 215

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Report on the A.C.W. Bake Sale

Birthdays:

Holly Dawson – December 13th

Kharley Harkin – December 18th

***"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God's many blessings
Keep falling on you"***

Closing Hymn: LP#59 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Dismissal: Page 215

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service.

For pastoral emergencies please call:

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SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK:

In Person and On-Line [Zoom] on our FB Page
December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Love
Lessons & Carols
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

"WE ARE ALL MINISTERS TOGETHER"



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**St. Stephen's with St. James Anglican Church
Cornerstone laid: 17 May 1820**



**Grace Church, L'Acadie
Established 1830
Present building reconstructed and consecrated
September 28, 1888**