

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

These things I have spoken to you  
that My Joy may remain  
in you, and that  
your Joy may be full.  
John 15:11



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## **CAROLS AND LESSONS** **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH, 2022**

### **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.”**



**Carols and Lessons**  
Celebrant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell  
Organist: Colin Langille

***Celebrant: Welcome***

Opening Hymn: #153 – Good Christians all Rejoice

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**

**Advent 3 - Joy**

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world. (Light Candles). Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us.

We light this candle in Joy. (Light Candle)

**On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.**

**COLLECT**

**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.**

**Hymn #154 – Joy to the World**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

**Hymn #139 – The First Noel**

Second Reading: Isaiah 11:1-4a;6-9

**Hymn: #145 – Good ing Wenceslas**



Third Reading: Luke 1:26-38

**Hymn: #123 – Once in David’s Royal City**

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn: #126 – Away in a Manager**

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-16

**Hymn: #122 – In the Bleak Midwinter**

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

**Offering Hymn: #135 – Shepherds in the Fields**

**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.**

**Hymn: #143 – Angels from the Realm of Glory**

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Stir up your Church, O God, that we may bear fruits worthy of repentance and proclaim the good news to all people, as we pray: God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Litanist: Gracious One, you have baptized your Church with Holy Spirit and fire, and you are in the midst of us: Fill your people with Advent expectation, and do not let our hands grow weak, for we trust in you. God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Inspire our leaders and all in authority throughout the world to be generous and honest in their affairs, to save the lame and gather the outcast, that their shame may be changed into praise and renown in all the earth. God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Be a strong hand for all who suffer throughout the world: Remove disaster from us, deal with oppressors, bring the homeless home, and make your deeds known among all people. God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Rejoice over this community with gladness, and renew us in your love, that those who enjoy abundance will share with those who lack, and our gentleness be known to everyone. God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Compassionate One, remove our worry as we bring to you everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, praying especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agle, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Denise Dubois, The McConnell family, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Michel Hamel, Leslie Ederer, and Bill Johnson. In the wider community we pray for Andy's Dad George O'Donnell, Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Jerry Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda Pauline, Kevin and Linda Gillis Johns, and Ann Barton. God is our stronghold and our sure defense; **we will trust and not be afraid.**

Presider: Eternal and Loving God, you are the great one in the midst of us, the Holy One: Hear the prayers of your children and take away the judgments against us, that we may live faithful lives, sustained by your everlasting strength, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ the Savior. **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. We pray also for Montreal Diocesan Theological College, The Rev. Canon Dr. Jesse Zink, Principal, the Rev. Dr. Heather McCance, Director of Pastoral Studies, The Rev. Dr. Ayson Huntley, Dean of Pastoral Studies, UnitedTheological College. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. 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; **Amen**

**The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Nellie McCarthy, Ena and Roy Chamberlin, Nabil Haggar and Arlette Khoury from the family.**

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**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Birthdays this week:  
Holly Dawson – Dec. 13th**

**“Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,  
May God’s many blessings  
Keep falling on you”**

**Recessional Hymn: #119 – Silent Night**

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Pat and Claude.

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