

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



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**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH, 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."

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Ven. Linda Borden-Taylor

Organist: Colin Langille

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #88 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus – {Tune: Stuttgart}

Advent 4 – Love

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy. (Light Candles). Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18). God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers, God's love is there. We light this candle in Love. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember God is Love.

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

Sentence: **A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.** **{Matthew 1.23}**

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 272

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD **Dorothy Cunningham**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 7, verses 10-16
Listen now for the word of God.....

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

[Silence followed by]

did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Christ **ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Ven. Linda Borden-Taylor

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Anita Young

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Loving and Gracious God, in Christ you have promised to heal the world: Strengthen our hearts and grant us patience to wait expectantly, rejoicing to see your work among us, as we say: They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Litanist: Grant to your Church, O God, faithful prophets and messengers who will strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees and say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!" They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Fountain of Wisdom and Mercy, give vision to our nation and to all in authority throughout the world, that all may share in your work to bring justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Compassionate One, send forth your Spirit into the world, bringing sight to the blind, strength to the lame, cleansing to the unclean, hearing to the deaf, resurrection to the dead, and good news to the poor, that all the earth may obtain joy and gladness. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Loving One, let your waters break forth as streams in the desert in our community; make a safe highway for the return of your people to you with singing and everlasting joy. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Healing One, let sorrow and sighing flee away, as we bring our prayers to you for all who suffer, 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 and his cousin Jeff Hovey, Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Keith

Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Kevin and Linda Gillis Johns, Ann Barton, and Jerry Prokoki. Raise to your eternal light those who have died, especially Jerry Osbourne. Please keep Lynn and her family in your prayers. They shall see the glory of the Divine, **the majesty of our God.**

Presider: Everlasting Light, visit us in the darkness of our personal prisons and comfort us with a vision of your coming kingdom, that we may rejoice with hopeful patience and walk safely upon your Holy Way, in the power of your Spirit given to us through Jesus Christ our 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 School of Theology, Partner Theological Colleges, United Church of Canada, Presbyterian Churches of Canada. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea. 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**

Offertory Hymn: #97 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring – {Tune: Tantum Ergo (St. Thomas)}

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People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Kharley Harkin – Dec. 18th
Rachel Syvret – Dec. 20th**

Benoît Stephenson – Dec. 20th
Madison Jutras (Ward) – Dec. 21st

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

Closing Hymn: #101 – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed – {Tune: Cruger}

Dismissal:

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Dorothy & Betty.

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