

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



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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7 P.M.
SATURDAY, DEC. 24TH, 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: Andy O'Donnell
Organist: Karl-Frederic Bolte

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #118 – O Come, All Ye Faithful – {Tune: Adeste Fideles}

Christmas Eve - Light

Throughout this season we have lived, waited, and remembered the hope, peace, joy, and love of God found in Christ. (Light Candles) Tonight we gather together and light candles in honor of the Christ Child. With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth. We light this candle for Christ.

On this night, we remember God has come in the Christ Child.

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

Sentence: **I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. {Luke 2.10-11}**

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 273

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Ellen Rennie

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 2-7
Listen now for the word of God.....

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

[Silence followed by]

there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Dorothy Cunningham

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus you have filled all humanity with your divine life: Hear our prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we offer our supplications to you, saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Litanist: You have entrusted the Church with good news of great joy for all people: Inspire our witness that we may spread the light of Jesus' love to all humanity. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are vulnerable. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Embrace with your eternal protection all of our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable: especially refugees and the displaced, those threatened by violence or illness, and families with no place to call their home. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Fill this community with hospitality and generosity, that we may care for one another and celebrate the joy of your presence in our humanity. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

We entrust to your divine grace all for whom we pray, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agley, 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, 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. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Presider: Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for 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. We pray also for Montreal Alternate Members of General Synod. In the world we pray for The Diocese of Okinawa and The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. 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**

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The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #154 – Joy to the World – {Tune: Antioch}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 273

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Nan Bird from the family, and for Lotty McConnell from the family.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 on Page 196

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5, Page 212

Hymns during Communion: -#120 – O Little Town of Bethlehem – {Tune: St. Louis}
#143 – Angels from the Realms of Glory – {Tune: Regent Square}

Prayer after Communion: Page 272

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Birthdays this week:
Chris Cunningham – Dec. 25th
Josephine Schneider – Dec. 27th
Elizabeth Rose O'Donnell – Dec. 27th
Rylan Thomas – Dec. 30th
Beverly Goodfellow – Dec. 31st
Daniel O'Connor – Dec. 31st
Anne Julie Regnier – Dec. 31st

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

Closing Hymn: #119 – Silent Night – {Tune: Stille Nacht}

Dismissal:

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Anita & Gordie Young.

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