

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



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**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023**

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: Colin Langille

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #89 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel – {Tune: Veni Emmanuel}

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

Sentence: **Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. {Luke 3.4, 6}**

Advent 2 – Peace

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (Light Candle). Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table. We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

Greetings Page 151 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 269

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Devon Phillips

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 40, verses 1-11
{Isaiah 40:1-11}

Listen now to the Word of God.....

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the

breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

[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.**

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 85 verses 1-2,8-13 found on Page 818 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.

This morning's second reading is taken from 2 Peter, Chapter 3 verses 8-15a. Listen now to the Word of God. {2 Peter 3:8-15a}

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also, our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

[Silence followed by]

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Gradual Hymn: #106 – There's a Voice in the Wilderness – {Tune: Ascension}

Rev. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, in the 1st Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [Mark 1:1-8]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight", John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus 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 WITH THANKS TO LOWELL GRISHAM

Lynn O'Donnell

Presider: Gracious God, through your messengers the prophets you have called your people to prepare the way and to welcome the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: Speak tenderly to your people that we may wait for and hasten the coming day, saying: Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Litanist: Indwelling God, you have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit: Inspire us to lead lives of holiness and godliness as we prepare for the new heavens and a new earth, so that as Christ comes, he finds us to be a people of peace and justice. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Holy and Mighty One, open the ears and eyes of the leaders of all the nations that they may listen to what the Lord God is saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Compassionate One, look upon the needs of all humanity: Feed your flock like a shepherd; gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom, gently leading the mother sheep, that all may know the comfort of your strength. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Ever-present God, lift up your voice with power to herald good tidings to the people of this community to cast out all fear as we listen for the happy cry of your coming salvation. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Glorious One, come with might in your divine recompense to reveal your glory to all who look to you in hope, as we pray especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agle family, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, the McConnell family, the Stedman family, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Roslyn Macgregor, and Roy Wo. In the wider community we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Tamara & Chris Esther, Sylvie & Guy, Sharron Edmunds Gillis, Frank Schneider, Bernard LaFleur, Nicole Dubois, Brent O'Donnell, Pauline Ulric, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Ralph Derry, and Trinity Episcopal Church Lewiston, Maine. Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Presider: Look upon your creation and comfort your people, O Holy One: Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; let the uneven ground become level and the rough places a plain, that all people may see the revelation of the glory of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, 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 The Safe Church Coordinators of the Diocese. In the world we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United). 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 the Rev'd Linus Buriani and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Amen**

The service continues on Page 191 with the Confession and Absolution

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #628 – O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High – {Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 270

Eucharistic Prayer #1 on Page 193

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

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5, Page 212

Prayer after Communion: Page 270

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

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."**

Closing Hymn: #122 – In the Bleak Midwinter – {Tune: Cranham}

Dismissal

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

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