

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



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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, FEB. 5TH, 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: Brenda Seirant

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #645 – Come Down, O Love Divine - {Tune: Down Ampney}

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

Sentence: **I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. {John 8.12}**

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day: See Page 353

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Lynn Osbourne

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 58, verses 1-12

Listen now for the word of God.....

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 – Anita Young

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Our gracious God listens to those whose work is to enable righteousness and justice and to uphold compassion and mercy: We shall call upon the Lord, and God shall answer; we shall cry for help and God will say, Here I am. And so we offer our prayers to God, saying: Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

Litanist: We pray for the Church, proclaiming Christ crucified, so that our faith might not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God: May Christ reveal what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, but what has been prepared for all who love God. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations and the leaders in our own country, that inspired by God's vision, they will loose the bonds of injustice and undo the thongs of the yoke; that they will let the oppressed go free and feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

We pray for all who need God's help throughout the world, that they may not be afraid of any evil rumors; may their hearts be established and never shrink. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

We pray for this community, that all may manage their affairs with justice so that their descendants may be mighty in the land and generations of the upright may be blessed. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

We pray for the sick, the suffering and all those who are alone, remembering especially, for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agley, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, Jennifer and Bruce Agley, 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 & John Rennie. In the wider community we pray for 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, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, and Sheila & Art Atwood. We give God thanks, especially for the healing of Andy's dad George O'Donnell. Light shines in the darkness for the upright, **who are merciful and full of compassion.**

Presider: Gracious and wonderful God, you have called us to be salt in a bitter world and to be light in the shadow of injustice and oppression: Grant us strength and courage to bring your light to all who live among us and beyond us, that the whole world may be enlightened to see your good works and give glory to you, our Infinite God, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of 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 St. Matthias, Westmount, The Rev. Patric Wheeler, Honorary: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, The Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick, The Most Rev. Bruce Stavert, and The Rev. Gwenda Wells. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua-New Guinea, 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 service continues on Page 191 with the Confession and Absolution

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #502 – You Are Salt for the Earth - {Tune: Bring Forth the Kingdom}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 354

Eucharistic Prayer #3 on Page 198

Preface for Epiphany:

**Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son
Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels
we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.**

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #3, Page 212

Prayer after Communion: Page 354

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Ted Neville – Feb. 6th
Pat McGregor – Feb. 9th
Alex Talbot (Coward) – Feb. 9th
Laurie Ward Lalonde – Feb. 11th**

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

Closing Hymn: #LP 153 – Make me a Channel of your Peace – {MP 456}

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of the Slote Family.

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