

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



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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2024**

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: #101 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed – {Tune: Cruger}

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

Sentence: **A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."** {Matthew 3.17}

Collect of the day: See Page 348

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Heather Hancheruk

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 1-5
{Genesis 1:1-5}

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

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
[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 29 verses 1-11 found on Page 738 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.

This morning's second reading is taken from Acts of the Apostles Chapter 19 verses 1-7.
{Acts 19:1-7}

Listen now to the Word of God.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on

them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

[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.**

Gradual Hymn: #355 – All Creatures of Our God and King – {Tune: Lasst uns refrenent}

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 fourth verse. [Mark 1:4-11]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Claude Dubois

Presider: God's Spirit breathes life into being. Through baptism we are empowered as God's beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, and so we pray: God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Litanist: Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O Gracious One, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let your gentle Spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let your prophets to speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, to unite us in love, energize our compassion, and strengthen our peace. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Let the heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom 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, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Sylvie & Guy, Sharron Edmunds Gillis, Frank Schneider, Bernard LaFleur, Francois Brazeau, Brent O'Donnell, Pauline Ulric, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Ralph Derry, and Trinity Episcopal Church Lewiston, Maine. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Presider: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism, and you have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world 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 Officers of Synod, Ms Laura Prince, Treasurer, The Rev. Ben Stuchbery, Clerical Secretary and Mrs. Valerie Taylor, Lay Secretary. In the world we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church. 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: #380 – O Worship the King – {Tune: Hanover}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 348

Eucharistic Prayer #2 on Page 196

The flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of Andrew Stephen Young from the Young family.

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #6, Page 213

Prayer after Communion: Page 349

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Beverly Derry – Jan. 7th
Eileen Agley – Jan. 9th
Zakary Goodfellow – Jan. 11th**

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

Closing Hymn: LP #67 & MP #207 – Hallelujah, Sing to Jesus

Dismissal

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

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