

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



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**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DEC. 17TH, 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."

Officiant: Rev. Andy O'Donnell
Organist: Colin Langille

Opening Carol: #123 – Once in Royal David's City

Sentence: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. {Isaiah 61.1}

Advent 3- Joy

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, and we lit the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world. (Light Candles). Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

In Advent, we are in a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, we wait for the coming of the Joy of Ages. We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy will be on each of us. We light this candle in Joy. (Light Candle)

On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.

Collect

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Hymn: #140 – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn: #126 – Away in a Manger

Second Reading: Isaiah 11:1-4a;6-9

Hymn: #153 – Good Christian's all Rejoice

Third Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn: #120 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: #135 – Shepherds in the Fields Abiding

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-16

Hymn: #139 – The First Noel

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Offering Hymn: #136 – While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: #137 – What Child is This

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham

Rev. Andy O'Donnell

Presider: Gracious God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace to cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Litanist: O God of peace, you have called your people to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances: Sanctify your Church and her members that our spirit and soul and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

God of Righteousness and Mercy, you love justice and hate wrongdoing: Guide our leaders and all in authority, that they may bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, repair the ruined cities and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

God of Compassion, look upon the needs of the world: Proclaim the year of your favor, and clothe your children with the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

God of Grace, be among us in this community that we may be a people whom you have sanctified to testify to the light and to become oaks of righteousness. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Receive our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, 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, 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. God has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Presider: Loving God, your Advent people look expectantly for the coming of Christ: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden because what is sown in it to spring up, nurture our prayers and the thoughts of our hearts, that we may receive with joy the goodness of your strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 University Chaplaincies, Multi-Faith and Spirituality Center Concordia, The Rev. Jen Bourque. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of Papuan New Guinea. 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 Flowers on the Altar are in Loving memory of Hilda Morris, Joan and Wally Phillips from Geoffrey, Christopher and Devon.

Birthdays this Week

Kharley Harkin – Dec. 18th

Rachel Syvret – 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 Prayers and Blessing

Recessional Hymn - #119 – Silent Night

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Jennifer & Martin.

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