

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
1st SUNDAY of Advent
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 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.”

MORNING PRAYER
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell
Organist: Colin Langille

Opening Hymn: #88 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus {Tune: Stuttgart}

Advent 1 – Hope

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. (Light Candle)
We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God. We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

Sentence: **Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**
{Luke 21.28}

The service resumes on Page 47 of the BAS [Green book]

The Invitatory for Advent: [pg. 48]

The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate: [Psalm 100] [pg. 49]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Reader: Ellen Rennie

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 122 found on Pg. 882 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end

Today's first reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 2 verses 1-5

{Isaiah 2:1-5}

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

The word that Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

{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.

This morning's second reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 13 verses 11-14
{Romans 13:11-14}

Listen now for the Word of God.....

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

{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: #97 – Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring {Tune: Tantum Ergo (St. Thomas)}

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

People: And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, in the 24th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [Matthew 24:36-44]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner

of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52

Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham
Dorothy Cunningham

Presider: Awaken us, O God, and prepare us for your coming into the world, that we may cooperate willingly in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray: Let your Spirit awaken us; **let us walk in the light of Christ.**

Litanist: Gracious and Loving One, bless your Church with the gift of peace, that glad people may go to the house of God where you will teach us your ways. Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Eternal One, judge between the nations and arbitrate for many people with your justice, that all in authority will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Compassionate One, visit the people of the earth with your grace, that all may lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Loving One, inspire us to respond to the needs of our community and grant us your goodness, that we may be a city at unity with itself, where peace dwells within our walls and quietness within our towers. Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Healing and ever-present God, shed your light upon those who suffer or who live with any kind of trouble, especially our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agle, 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, Jerry Osborne, Brianna Walsh,

Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda Pauline, Kevin and Linda Gillis Johns, and Ann Barton. Hear our gratitude for all the blessings you shower upon us, especially for the healing of Matthew Cunningham. Let your Spirit awaken us; **that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Presider: Come to us in judgment and grace, O Holy One, and arouse us to your purpose, that we may be instruments of your peace, ready to meet the Son of Man at an unexpected hour, in the power of your Spirit manifested 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 also pray for Lay Readers' Association, Mr. Robert McLachlan, President, and The Rev. Lorne Eason, Pastor. In the world we pray for 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; **Hear our prayers.***

Offertory Hymn: #278 – Jerusalem the Golden

Offertory Prayer

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Birthdays this Week

Janice Wylie – December 2nd

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Closing Hymn: #576– For the Healing of the Nations – {Tune: Westminster Abbey}

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Dorothy & Betty Cunningham

Blessing: (Officiant)

All: Amen.

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