

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
1st SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 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.”

MORNING PRAYER
Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Sentence: **We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.** {Matthew 4.4}

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The Invitatory: [pg. 48]

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate: [Psalm 100] [pg. 49]

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Betty Cunningham

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 32 verses 1-11. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit, there is no guile!*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding, who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you are righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen

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 4th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [Matthew 4:1-11]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' 'Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham – Dorothy Cunningham

Presider: Abiding and gracious God, in Christ's temptation you have taught us to turn away from our exaggerated needs for control, esteem and power, and to trust in your love, generosity and grace: Guide us as we come to you in prayer, saying: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Litanist: Christ's obedience has given us abundant grace and the free gift of righteousness: Help your Church, O Holy One to resist temptation and to embody your forgiveness, for ourselves and for the world. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Though you have filled creation with abundance, O Generous One, we have violated your good intentions for us: Be with all who lead and who hold authority in the world that they may discern between good and evil and choose good. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Loving God, help us in this community to acknowledge our sin and not to conceal our guilt, that we may know the embrace of your infinite mercy and rejoice in your grace. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Compassionate One, in your wonderful creation you have given us all things necessary for our thriving: Be with all of us who live with hunger, poverty, fear, tragedy or oppression, and let your angels bear us up in their hands. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Your mercy embraces all humanity, O God: Hear our prayers of intercession, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, Eileen, Ron and Gary Agle, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, Jennifer and Bruce Agle, 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 and Veronica Valentine. Happy are they who walk in God's will and **seek him with all their hearts!**

Presider: We open our hearts to you, O Holy One, for you know the weakness of each of us: Let each one finds you mighty to save, forgiving us of our sin and filling us with your abundant grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. **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 St. Simeon, Lachute The Rev Nic Brotherhood. 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; **Hear our prayers.**

Offertory Prayer

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Birthdays this Week

Tracy Stevens (Cunningham) – Feb. 27th

Shirley Wing – Mar. 2nd

Paul Burelle (Lyne Coward) – Mar. 3rd

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

There will be the Annual Vestry Meeting after the service this morning.

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Lynn.

Blessing: (Officiant)

All: Amen.

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