

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)  
SUNDAY, NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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.”**



Listen now for the Word of God....

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

{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: #005 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies - {Tune:Ratisbon or Dix (As with Gladness, #160)}

Rev. Jessica Bickford: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, in the 25th Chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse. [Matthew 25:14-30]

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you

did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Rev. Jessica Bickford

Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles' Creed: Page 52**

**Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham**

Claude Dubois

Presider: Gracious and generous God, you have given to your creation all things necessary for our abundant life: Hear us as we pray for people everywhere, that all may be protected from oppression and exploitation in order to live productive and meaningful lives, as we pray: To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Litanist: Awaken your Church, O God, to encourage and build up one another as children of light and children of the day, serving as instruments of your compassion and justice. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Infinite One, inspire our leaders, with wisdom and discipline, and rescue all people from the scorn of the indolent rich and the derision of the proud. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Compassionate One, protect the vulnerable of the earth from economic abuse: Grant that all who work may receive a proper return for their labor and that every person may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your creation. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Loving One, bless our community with wisdom, healing and honour, that we may be bearers of faith, hope and love. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

We commend to your mercy those 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. 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, Tamara & Chris Esther, 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. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Presider: Merciful God of light and promise, multiply your grace upon us and be generous to all the earth, that we may treasure your eternal work of reconciliation and resurrection, 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 Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, The Rev. Ros Macgregor and Mrs. Ann Cumyn co-chairs. In the world we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). 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**

**Offertory Hymn:** #239 – Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now – {Tune: St. Albinus}

**Offertory Prayer: Pg. 393**

**Collect: Pg. 392**

**The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54**

**Birthdays this Week**

Limette Robinson – Nov. 20th

Neil Ellwood – Nov. 25th

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

**Closing Hymn:** LP #1 & MP #2 – Abba Father. Let Me Be (Twice)

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Blessing: (Officiant)

**All: Amen.**

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Barbara & Brenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a meeting after Church for the Christmas Bazaar.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Christmas Bazaar – Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm

Christmas Turkey Supper – December 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm meal will be served by 6pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar.

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