

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



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)
4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 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
Organist: Colin Langille

Opening Hymn: #439 – Blest Are the Pure in Heart – {Tune: Franconia}

Sentence: **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.**
{Matthew 5.12}

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

The Invitatory: [pg. 47]

The Lord is our refuge and strength: 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 15 verses 1 to 7 found on Pg. 718 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end

Today's first reading is taken from Micah, Chapter 6 verses 1-8
{Micah 6:1-8}

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

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

{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 1Corinthians, Chapter 1 verses 18-31
{1Corinthians 1:18-31}

Listen now for the Word of God...

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in 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.**

Gradual Hymn: #617 – Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - {Tune: St. Botolph}

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 5th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [Matthew 5:1-12]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Officiant: Gracious One, whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and whose weakness is stronger than human strength, pour out your blessing upon your creation as we pray: Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

Litanist: Holy One, fill your Church with your blessing, that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness, and strengthen our mission to proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

Eternal One, inspire our leaders with purity of heart that they may see with Godly vision and become peacemakers, children of God. Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

Merciful One, look with compassion upon the meek and poor in spirit and protect all who are persecuted falsely throughout the world. Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

Loving God, bless our community with your grace, that we may be compassionate peacemakers, pure in heart and willing to suffer for the sake of your healing and reconciling work. Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

Compassionate One, visit us with your grace, and strengthen those who call upon your help, especially for 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 & John Rennie. In the wider community we pray for Andy's Dad George O'Donnell, 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. Raise into your eternal light those who have died that they may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially Bill Johnson. Please keep Heather, Jennifer & Stephen in your prayers. Lead us to do justice and to love kindness; **and to walk humbly with our God.**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 Christ Church Cathedral Honorary Associate Priests, The Rev. Jennifer Bourque & The Rev. Benjamin Crosby. In the world we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United). 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: #432 – Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult – {Tune: St. Oswald}

Offertory Prayer

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Collect

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Birthdays this Week

Ryan Young – Jan. 29th

Peter Smith – Jan. 29th

Michael Moquin – Feb. 1st

Cheryl Milton – Feb. 3rd

Gordie Young – Feb. 4th

Kevin Arbour – Feb. 4th

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

Closing Hymn: #LP #22 – Blessed Assurance – {#59 Mission Praise}

There will be a Parish meeting in the hall for everyone following the Service.

Lunch & Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Pat McGregor, Betty & Dorothy

Blessing: (Officiant)

All: Amen.

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