

**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, JAN. 28TH, 2024**

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. Andy O'Donnell
Organist: Colin Langille

Opening Hymn: #620 – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds {Tune: St. Peter}

**Sentence: Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.
{See Matthew 4.23}**

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

The Invitatory: #1 [pg. 47]

Venite: [Psalm 95:1-7] [pg. 49]

Collect: Pg. 352

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Holly Dawson

**The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 111 verses 1-10 starting on Pg.860 of the BAS.
We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.**

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 18 verses 15-20.
{Deuteronomy 18:15-20}

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

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

{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 taken from 1 Corinthians Chapter 8 verses 1-13
{1 Corinthians 8:1-13}

Listen now for the Word of God....

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

{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: #500 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant – {Tune: Servant Song}

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

People: And also, with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, in the 1st Chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse. [Mark1:21-28]

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed: Page 52

Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham

Dorothy Cunningham

Presider: Good and Holy God, in Jesus, you have freed us for love and rebuked everything that may threaten us: Let the teaching of your Good News be spread abroad with authority, that all creation may be reconciled, as we pray: We thank you God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Litanist: Loving God, raise up for your Church prophets like Moses who will speak everything you command, that we may heed your teaching and be an example of goodness for our neighbors. We thank you God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Eternal One, rescue our leaders and all in authority from the knowledge that puffs up, and fill them with your love which builds up, that they may accomplish your good works with faithfulness and justice. We thank you God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Compassionate One, uphold the weak throughout the earth and free the consciences of all people through your love. We thank you God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Gracious One, rebuke in us whatever spirit is unclean, that we may teach and live your gospel of love and spread your fame throughout surrounding region. We thank you God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Receive our prayers which we offer for all who need you, 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, 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, Francois Brazeau, Brent O'Donnell, Pauline Ulric, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Ralph Derry, and Trinity Episcopal

Church Lewiston, Maine. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart; **for you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Presider: We offer our prayers to God the Father, from whom are all things, and for whom we exist, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we exist, in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God, who lives and loves forever. **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 Christ Church Cathedral, The Very Rev Bertrand Oliver, Dean and The Rev Dr. Deborah Meister. In the world we pray for the The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. 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: #384 – Praise to The Lord Almighty – {Tune: Lobe den Herren}

Offertory Prayer: Pg. 353

The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54

Birthdays this Week

Hannah Ramsey – Jan. 28th
Ryan Young -Jan. 29th
Peter Smith -Jan. 29th
Michael Moquin – Feb. 1st
Cheryl Milton – Feb. 3rd

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

Closing Hymn: #397 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – {Tune: Nettleton}

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 Mike & Wendy.

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