

Thought for the Week



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Visits - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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St. James Anglican Church

November 15, 2020

24th After Pentecost

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Book of Alternative Services

The Grace

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect for the Day

(Together): Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ After Pentecost 393 to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading

Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, * until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud

(Together): King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name. Amen

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: 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.

Church News

We are very pleased to announce that effective November 01, 2020, we are in a financial position to move Rev. Wendy from ¾ time to a full time position here at St. James.

Advent & Christmas 2020 at St James

Sunday, Nov 29 - Advent 1 – Take home Advent Calendars

Sunday, Dec 6 - Advent 2 – DVD – Best Christmas Pageant Ever at service

Sunday, Dec 13 - Advent 3 - Greening of the church, Paper Doily Angel Ornaments – coffee/conversation

Sunday, Dec 20 - Advent 4 – Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, Dec 22 – 6:00 pm Outdoor Nativity (TENTATIVE EVENT)

Christmas Eve, Dec 24- 6:30 pm – Holy Eucharist – The Nativity of our Lord

Christmas cards for sale in the vestibule \$2 each –hand made by Wendy's friend in England. Also gift tags and gift cards 2 for \$1.00. Proceeds will go to 'Blessings in a Backpack'.

The Annual Moncton Deanery Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent Sunday Nov 29 at 4.00 pm at St George's Church Moncton. Due to COVID-19 restrictions please advise Esther at St George if you are attending with the number of people in your bubble as we will be allocating seating ahead of time. Esther can be reached at office@stgeorgesmoncton.ca or at 506-855-5209 - email is preferred.

Collecting socks, mitts, hats, hoodies, jackets to give out at our monthly brown bag breakfast Sat, Nov 21 at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Your generosity will make a difference to those who receive them.

Samaritans Purse- boxes and brochures still available on your way out but need to be back at St James by Fri, Nov 20.

Jesse Tree – will be up Sun, Nov 29, Advent 1. Please consider taking a tag from the tree. It will have on it 'boy' or 'girl' and age so you can donate an appropriate gift and place it under the tree. The gifts will be given to a local charity e.g. Salvation Army near Christmas.

CHURCH NEWS

PWRDF Joint Fundraiser with St Philip's, St Andrew's and St Mary's. - The consensus for the project is that we go with the PPE which is #5, 6 and 7 on page 1 of the PWRDF World of Gifts guide. **Cut-off - Sun, Dec. 27th.** From 2016-2020, PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count program worked to empower women and girls through improved health and food security in Tanzania, Rwanda, Mozambique and Burundi. The program came to a close as COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. In June 2020, the government granted PWRDF a one-year extension to support these partners through the COVID-19 crisis **by providing medical grade Personal Protective Equipment, hand washing facilities and sanitizer for community members coming in to the clinics**, and education tools to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Your gift of \$30 keeps a clinic safe for a day. With 6:1 match from the Government of Canada = \$210

Your gift of \$210 keeps a clinic safe for a week. With 6:1 match from the Government of Canada = \$1,470

Your gift of \$850 keeps a clinic safe for a month. With 6:1 match from the Government of Canada = \$5,950

Vestry will discuss but if you wish to make a personal donation, please place it on the offering plate marked 'PWRDF Fundraiser'.

Plateless Turkey Dinner: We received \$1050.00 for our Plateless Turkey Supper. Thank you to all who donated to this fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vestry Meeting Next Sunday – Nov 22 after the service

Our monthly brown bag breakfast , Sat, Nov 21 at St Georges.

Free Piano – It is downstairs, free to anyone who would like it!

E-offering – Good News! If you are interested in signing up, please see Tim Binks. Brochures are in the vestibule.

Movies to Borrow: There are a number of movies and books on racial themes. They are in a basket on the way out.

Memorial Bulletins – 'Memorial Bulletin' are available on a Sunday chosen by the donor to remember loved ones. A donation of \$25-50 would be gratefully received. For more information please talk to Loretta or Rev Wendy

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month

Church Calendars – \$6:00

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Priest: 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.**

Reader 1: Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Reader 2. 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.**

Reader 3. 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.**

Reader 4. Loving One, bless our community with wisdom, healing and honor, that we may be bearers of faith, hope and love. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

Reader 5. We commend to your mercy those for whom we pray, especially for those on our parish prayer list...(add names known). We raise our eyes to you in thanksgiving. We entrust to your never failing care and love those who have died. To you we lift up our eyes; **have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

(Together): 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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant; Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,..... /to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion:

(Together): Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Pat Marshall