

Thought for the Week



The King will reply,
"Truly I tell you, whatever
you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

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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 22, 2020

Reign of Christ

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen

First Reading

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 **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.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his name

4 **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

(Together): God our Father, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

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'.

Moncton Deanery Service of Advent Lessons and Carols Sun Nov 29 at 4.00 pm 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.
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.

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. – Personal Protective Equipment 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.

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

\$210 keeps a clinic safe for a week. 6:1 = \$1,470

\$850 keeps a clinic safe for a month. 6:1 match = \$5,950

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

Our monthly brown bag breakfast , Sat, Dec 19 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

November 22, 2020

Reign of Christ

Priest: Your church gathers before you as sheep listening to their shepherd: Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know our Savior Jesus Christ and as we bring before you our prayers and intercessions, saying: For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

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 For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Reader 2. Gather the nations before you, Sovereign One, to feed your creation with justice. For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Reader 3. Look upon all the people of the earth, O Compassionate One, to seek the scattered and feed them with good pasture: Let them lie down in good grazing land, where their God may be their shepherd. For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Reader 4. Enlighten the eyes of the hearts of the people of this community that we may live in the hope to which Jesus has called us and put power to work in Christ. For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

Reader 5. Seek the lost, O Loving One, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, especially those for whom we offer intercession, especially for those on our parish prayer list... (*add names known*). Accept our thanksgiving for all the goodness of life. Bring those who have died to the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance among the saints. May all humanity inherit the kingdom prepared for us from before the foundations of the world. For you are our God; **we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.**

(Together): **You are our God, O gracious Shepherd, and you care for all of your sheep: Lead your creation into the fullness of your compassion, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, all people may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reign, One God, for ever and ever. 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): **Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Ember Days 395 Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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): **Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.. 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



2020 Advent Series, Online with Bishop Bill Hockin and Friends

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Shopping for a Messiah

Keeping Christmas in the time of a Pandemic

Special music with piano, cello, saxophone, and voice.



Video recordings of talks will be released on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) as follows:

Monday, November 30, noon (AST):

Finding The Stable in the Storm

Monday, December 7, noon:

Bethlehem Bubble

Monday, December 14, noon:

Finding Faith in a Covid Christmas

Monday, December 21, noon:

Add a Little Luke to a Christmas Cart