

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

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

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): (Together) Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.\

(Together): God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Acts 19: 1-7

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

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.

PWRDF Joint Fundraiser

Thank You to all who took part in the PWRDF Christmas Project.

Here are the totals by parish:

St. Mary's \$200 St. Philip's \$511 St. James \$1450 St. Andrew's \$2000
Combined total of \$ **4161**. When matched 6 times by the Government of Canada, we have a GRAND TOTAL of \$ **29,127.00**. This gift will supply health clinics with medical grade Personal Protection Equipment, hand washing facilities and sanitizer for clinics in Tanzania, Rwanda, Mozambique and Burundi. It will also provide education tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

January Vestry Meeting – Sunday, January 24.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 21. We will hold the meeting upstairs to enable the 2 m distancing required. We will have a short break for refreshments downstairs (approx 20 min) for anyone who wishes, then begin the meeting upstairs.

Candlemas Celebration – Sunday, January 31 – Presentation of Christ

Meeting Reports – Please submit by Sunday, Feb 7.

Collecting socks, mitts, hats, hoodies, jackets to give out at our monthly brown bag breakfast Sat, Jan 16 at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Your generosity will make a difference!

Our monthly brown bag breakfast at St George's continues. Next one is Sat, Jan 16

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.

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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 The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

Layreader. Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and have made us your beloved children: **Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

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. Let us pray to our God whose Spirit breathes life into being, that through baptism we may be empowered as God’s beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 2. Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O God, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 3. Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 4. Let your prophets speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 5. Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, that we may be united in love, abounding in compassion, and proactive in peace. God shall give strength to the people. **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 6. May your heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially (*add names from Parish List*). Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your manifestation of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others. Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal domains. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace**

(Together): Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, 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): God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. 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, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. 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, Thrisha Corner