

Thought for the Week



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St. James Anglican Church

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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) Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.

May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

² **You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

⁶ **Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?**

¹³ I will thank you because I am marvellously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

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¹⁴ **My body was not hidden from you, *while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁶ **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!**

¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

¹⁸ **Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! * You that thirst for blood, depart from me.**

(Together): God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Musical Selection: -

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

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. After the service.

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.

Meeting Reports – Please submit by Sunday, Feb 7.

Candlemas Celebration – Sunday, January 31 – Presentation of Christ

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!

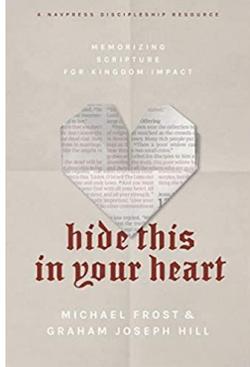
Our monthly brown bag breakfast at St George's continues. Next one is Sat, Jan 16

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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Diocese's Recommended book for Lent. Several copies have been ordered. Please let Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna know if you would like to buy a copy, \$13.00 each. Rather than have an in-person study group, due to COVID, Wendy will speak about the book during sermon time on one or two Sundays. We might even have a scripture memory verse challenge! (with big prizes, only joking!)



Memorizing Scripture has been proven to be a life-giving practice for spiritual growth. Those who memorize passages from the Bible point to how it's given them greater assurance of God's love and a deeper understanding of how to follow Jesus.

Join Michael Frost and Graham Hill on this journey into the Bible, learn how your brain can be formed and transformed by the Scriptures, and find yourself better equipped to live and declare the good news of Jesus Christ.

Special features:

- 80 tear-out memory verse cards, featuring 4 translations: NIV, ESV, NLT, and MSG
- The tear-out verse cards use the BELLS method from the bestselling *Surprise the World: Blessing others, Eating together, Learning Christ, Listening to the Spirit, Being Sent with a Missionary Focus*

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Priest: Gracious God, you see into the deepest needs of our hearts and call us to follow you and to listen to your voice: Receive our prayers as we call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

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. You have called the Church your children and given to us the Holy Spirit, O Gracious One: Grant that we may share with our friends the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth and invite them to “come and see” so that others may share our fellowship in his Name. We call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

Reader 2. You search our hearts and know us, Eternal One: Lay your hand upon our nation and upon all in authority throughout the world, that they may be instruments of your compassion and peace, and that we may be known as a people in whom there is no deceit. We call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

Reader 3. You have woven our bodies in the depths of the earth, O God our Creator: Look upon the needs of a suffering world and bless all humanity, that your healthful Spirit and presence may do marvelous works for the relief of the world. We call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

Reader 4. You visit us in friendship and invite us to be generous and hospitable neighbors to all among whom we live, O Loving One: Fill us with your grace, that we may be a community of kindness and compassion. We call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

Reader 5. You fashion our lives day by day in your Spirit. Increase in us your vision that we may see great things for our community. Hear our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially (*add names from Prayer list*). We thank you for your gifts of freedom and blessing. By your power you raise our bodies into union with you, remember those who have died, May all people see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

We call upon you in your Temple: **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

(Together): You have freed us from all domination and made us one body in your Spirit, O God: Give us childlike faith to listen to what you are speaking and to follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Prayers adapted from those written by Rev. Lowell Grisham: Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, AR

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): Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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): God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ 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, Beth, Terry