

Thought for the Week



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St. James Anglican Church

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Book of Alternative Services

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Opening O Come All Ye Faithful 415

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

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): Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 98

¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²**The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

(Together): **Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Angels From the Realms of Glory

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Gospel: **Luke 2:1-20**

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.



From the Wardens, Vestry and Rev Wendy

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

Church News

Canadian Church Calendars 2022 – in the Vestibule \$5.00 each.

Toiletry Collection for St George's Outreach – Thanks so very much...for your generous response providing toiletries for showers offered at St George's Mon - Fri!

PWRDF Fundraiser with, St Andrew's, St Mary's and St Philip's

Congratulations! So far we have raised **\$2,825.00** - enough for two hand pump wells in Kenya. \$1200 supplies one well. We will collect until Sunday December 26th. Please place your offering on the plate marked PWRDF Fundraiser.

Communtiy Breakfast – It is getting colder. We need men's jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, socks for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Dec 18. Please let Donna know if you would like to volunteer!

Food Bank Sunday Jan 2, 2022– Thanks for your donations and continued support!!!

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. New supply of wool available in the vestibule for those who would like to knit a shawl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christmas Eve

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13 Incarnation

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

(Together): **Everlasting Light, visit us in our darkness and comfort us with a vision of your coming kingdom, that we may rejoice with hopeful patience and walk safely upon your Holy Way, in the power of your Spirit given to us 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.

Musical Selection

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together) Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. 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): Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Candles Will Be Lit - Silent Night

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Please extinguish candles by dipping in the glasses of water which will be circulated. Please do not blow them out for health concerns.

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, Joan Dennison, Lynn Fife, Irene, Ann, Gert, Susan Robertson, Belva Joanne

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

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