

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

HOWARD THURMAN, "THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS"
in *The Mood of Christmas & Other Celebrations*, 1985

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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

December 26, 2021

1st Sunday after Christmas

Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Processional Hymn: Shepherds in the Fields Abiding

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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 have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; * for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, * for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

(Together) Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gradual Hymn See Amid the Winter's Snow RB - 414

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

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

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.

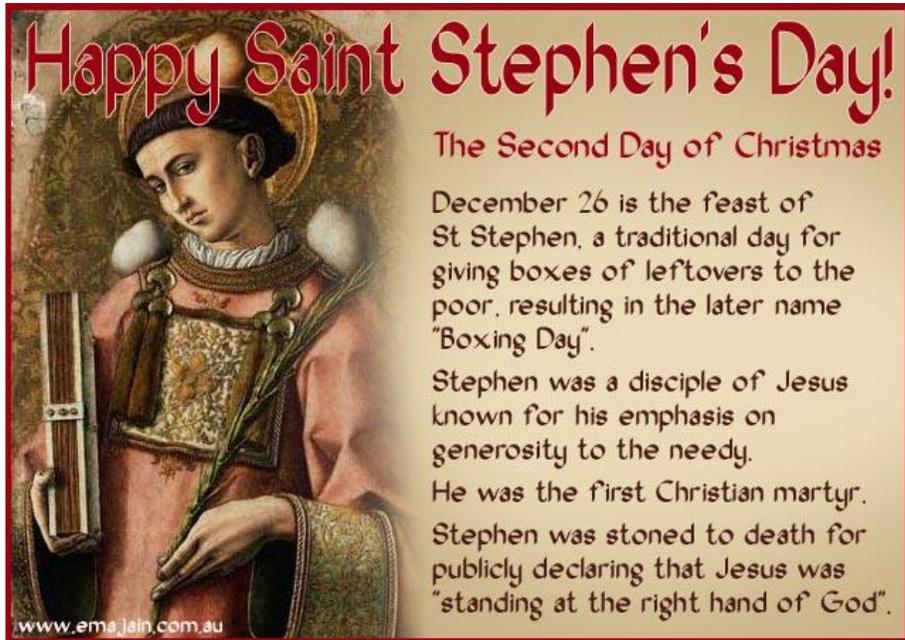
Communtiy Breakfast – It is getting colder. We need men's jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, socks for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Dec 18. Please let Donna know if you would like to volunteer!

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

First Sunday after Christmas



Priest: In Christ God's Word has become flesh dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the true light which enlightens the world, that from the fullness of God all creation may receive grace upon grace, saying: What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

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. Clothe your Church with the garments of salvation and cover her with robes of righteousness, O Gracious One, that we may be your witnesses to testify to the light. What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

Reader 2: Almighty One, inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority in the ways of grace and truth, that we may no longer be a people enslaved under the law but may know ourselves to be heirs, adopted as God's children. What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

Reader 3: Be our light in the darkness for all the world, O God, that the fullness of your heart may be made known for the healing of the earth. What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

Reader 4: Live among us, O Word made flesh, and reconcile this community to your light. What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

Reader 5: May your people be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in your hand, as we pray in faith for (Add Parish List). Hear our

gratitude for your glory manifest among us. Receive those who have died as heirs of eternal life. What has come into being in Christ was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

(Together) **Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your 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.

Musical Selection

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together) God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask 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.

Musical Selection:

Prayer after Communion:

((Together): Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask 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 First Noel

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Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Joan Dennison, Bill, Ann, Gert, Belva Joanne

