

The Work of Christmas

By Howard Thurman

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 flocks,
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 the people,
To make music in the heart.

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The Epiphany of the Lord
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn We Three Kings MP - 740

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

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

People: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect for the Day

(Together): Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the king's son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

Church News

Appointment of Rev Wendy to St James as Interim Priest-in-charge for a 6 month, half time, period Jan 1 – June 30. This appointment was made by Archbishop David at the request of St James Vestry.

Communitiy Breakfast – On Sat, Dec 017, St James volunteers gave out 72 paper bag breakfasts and coffee. Many had stayed at St George's temporary 'out of the cold' shelter the night before.

Also, St James donated \$250 to ReConnect toward Tim Horton's gift cards given out at a Christmas party for our neighbours living on the fringe.

We need socks, jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, hand and foot warmers, winter boots, sleeping bags, blankets, flashlight/batteries, chapstick for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Jan 21. Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

St George's Breakfast

We wrote a cheque to St. Georges for the Breakfast/shower Program in the amount of \$2640.00, monies collected up to December 18. Thank you to everyone who donated so far to our Christmas project.

Anyone wishing to donate to the St George's Breakfast/Shower program can place their donation (cash or cheque) on the plate marked 'St George's Breakfast'.

1st. Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday. We take our offerings to the food bank after the first Sunday of the month. Our support to the Moncton Food Bank is so greatly appreciated. Current Food Bank Needs are - cereal, Peanut butter, Cheese Whiz. Thanks!

Holy Communion – for now, we will continue with 'bread only', abiding by the recommendation of our Bishop.

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 especially for those on our parish prayer list...*(add names known)*. 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): 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 all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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

Closing Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

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Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell , Joan Dennison, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer. Susan Goguen, Barbara Tait, Sydney, Jeff Lewis, Lloyd Hines, George