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St. James Anglican Church

December 04, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn On Jordan's Bank RB- 391

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – Peace

A Candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

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, who sent your servant John
the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the
Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your
truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when
the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may
stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

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;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

(Together): **O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen**

Second Reading Romans 15: 4-13

Gradual Hymn: Hark The Glad Sound RB- 395

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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

Thank you to Rev. Lid Haugen-Strand for leading us in worship this morning.

Christmas Bazaar – Grand total deposited \$1761.75

Gospel-based discipleship Bible Study Nov, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7

St George's have been using this approach with good results. Leadership will be provided by Father Chris VanBuskirk.

1st Moncton- St. George's Scouting will be hosting their annual Dessert Party on Dec.3rd from 12:00-4:00pm, come have a bowl of chicken fricot or corn chowder and all the sweets you can eat. Cost \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under.

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Please ask Loretta.

Communitiy Breakfast – We need socks, men's underwear, jackets, clean hoodies, hats, gloves, hand and foot warmers, winter boots, sleeping bag s, blankets, flashlight/batteries, chapstick for our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Thanks for your continued generosity! Our next Breakfast will be Sat. Dec. 17. Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

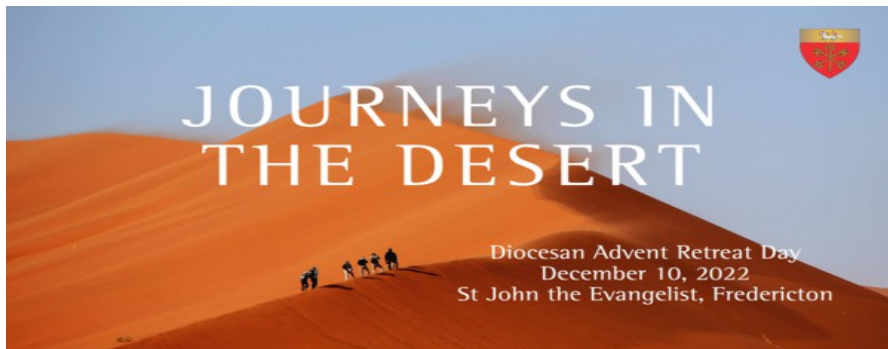
St George's Breakfast'. --

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 - Canned vegetables, Peanut butter, Cheese Whiz. Thanks!

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

Church News



Diocesan Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 10, 2022 , 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fredericton

We will gather for a "reflection day" in Fredericton, led by the Rev Paul Ranson. Pre-registration is required, and lunch will be provided. If the \$20/person is prohibitive, please let Shawn Branch or Cheryl know.

Rev Chris Van Buskirk - calls for gloves. Over 1000 prs were given out from St George's last winter. They are a

'staple'. So if we can collect gloves, to donate to St George's, that would be a help.

We are invited! **Wed, Dec 7 – 2:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St Alban's, Riverside Albert .** Reception at Rec Centre to follow. We hear St Nicholas may appear. Drives can be arranged if you wish to go.

Annual Joint Christmas Fundraiser – Moncton Parishes – For the last several years St James with St Philip's, St Andrew's and St Mary's has participated in a fundraiser for PWRDF. This year, Rev Rob suggested we 'go local' and donate to the **St George's Weekday Breakfasts, Laundry and Showers** . The costs for this have risen steadily as numbers climb. Now there are usually at least 100 people eating breakfast each day Mon to Fri. Anyone wishing to make a personal donation can put their donation on the plate marked '**St George's Breakfast**'. Thank you so much for your support.

Gifts for St. James Court Children

We have placed tags on the tree with the gender and age of children at St. James Court, please take a tag if you are able to bring a gift approx. \$15 - \$20 by Dec. 18. Thank you.

Prayers of the People 2st Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

Priest:: Our gracious God, your prophets sing the Advent call to prepare the way of the Lord: Hear our prayers, for the whole human family, that your ways may be made straight, the valleys filled, the mountains lowered, the crooked straightened, and the rough places smoothed, so that all humanity may see your salvation, as we pray: Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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, 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. Holy One, you have set your Church free through our mighty Savior Jesus Christ that we might worship you without fear, holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life: Bring to completion the good work you have begun among us. Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace .**

Reader 2: Almighty One, through your prophets you speak your word to rulers and governors: Grant them your wisdom that they may lead us with joy in the light of your glory, with the mercy and righteousness that comes from you. Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace .**

Reader 3: Compassionate One, hear the voice of all who cry out in the wilderness – those who suffer from violence or oppression; the poor and discouraged; and all who long for the promise of new life – visit them with your compassion and love. Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Reader 4: Loving One, you visit this community with your power and compassion: Let our neighbors take off the garment of sorrow and affliction and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace .**

Reader 5; Healing God, who anoints our ministries with the compassion of Jesus Christ: Hear our intercessions on behalf of (Add Parish list). Accept the joy of our thanksgiving for the many blessings that come from your tender compassion. Shine your light on those who have passed through the shadow of death. Let the dawn from on high break upon us; **to guide our feet into the way of peace .**

(Together): **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to God's people and set them free: Give us knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins, that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight, until we come into the day of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for evermore. 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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our 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): Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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

Closing Hymn

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Hark, A Herald Voice

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