

St. James Anglican Church
January 08, 2023
The Baptism of the Lord
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

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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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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Opening Hymn Ye Watchers and Ye Holy ones RB - 7

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 Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 42: 1-9

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

(Together): God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading Acts 10: 34-43

Gradual Hymn: On Jordan's Bank RB- 391

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

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.

We Thank Canon Richard McConnell for leading us in worship this morning

Our next vestry meeting will be January 22 right after the service.

Video Bible Study – Exploring the Archeological Digs of the Old Testament

Wednesday evenings (January 18th and 25th and February 1st) at 6:30 pm -- St. Andrew's Anglican Church (105 Elmwood Drive).

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

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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.

Communtiy 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-
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Priest: God who gives breath to all people upon earth and spirit to those who walk upon it, that through baptism we may be empowered as God’s beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing 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, 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. Uphold your chosen servant the Church, O Blessed One, and put your spirit upon her, that she may not grow faint or be crushed until all have known the power of Christ’s resurrection. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 2. Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority throughout the world, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 3. Look upon all humanity with your divine compassion, and bring your light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind and to bring from the prison those who sit in darkness. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 4. Visit this community with your indwelling Spirit to declare new things that speak of justice and peace, that we may go about doing good and healing all who are broken or oppressed. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

Reader 5. May the heavens open and your Spirit descend upon this congregation, bringing your love and grace to all for whom we pray, especially for those on our parish prayer list....(add names known). Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your manifestation of presence and love in our lives and in the lives of others. Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal domains. God shall give strength to the people; **God shall give us the blessing of peace.**

(Together): Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily through us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing reconciliation and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. 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): Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. 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

I Danced in The Morning

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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