



Clergy

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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

January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn Thou Whose Almighty Word RB - 235

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): Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalm 40: 1-11

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! * they do not resort to evil

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spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

(Together): God our saviour, hear our prayer for all who suffer at the hands of others, and especially for those who suffer for the sake of justice. Raise and comfort them, and lead us all in the paths of loving service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Gradual Hymn: O Jesus I have Promised RB- 304

Gospel: John 1: 29-42

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.

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

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 11 after the service

Meeting Reports – Please submit by Sunday, Jan 29.

Volunteers for Vestry – If you are interested and/or feel called to serve on Vestry, you are very welcome! Please speak to Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna. You may wish to nominate someone to sit on Vestry. If so, please speak to the person and with their permission speak to Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna

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.

Community Breakfast – Our next brown bag community breakfast will be on Sat, Jan 21.

We need UNDERWEAR men's size S-M, 30-32 and womens M. Thanks for your continued generosity! Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

Another cheque for \$1280 has been given from St James to St. Georges for the Breakfast/shower Program. Thank you to everyone who donated

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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 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Priest: Faithful and Holy One, through Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, your Holy Spirit has descended and remained among us: Hear us as we pray for the needs of the whole creation, and let your love and your faithfulness keep us safe forever, as we pray: How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

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. 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, not neglecting to meet together but encouraging one another in Christ. How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Reader 2. Eternal One, your Word goes forth to the coastlands and to peoples from far away: Guide the leaders of our nation and all in positions of power and authority that they may be instruments of your compassion and peace, helping your salvation reach to the ends of the earth. How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Reader 3. Compassionate One, look upon the needs of all peoples and visit all places of fear, conflict, poverty or suffering, for you are the light of the nations and your salvation reaches to the end of the earth. How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Reader 4. Glorified One, your righteousness has been hidden in our hearts and we are honoured in the sight of God: Enable us to shine the radiance of Christ's glory into our community and homes, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed, here and throughout the world. How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Reader 5. We wait patiently for you, O God; do not withhold your compassion from us. Let your healing power be present among those for whom we pray, especially for those on our parish prayer list..... *(add prayer list)* Set their feet upon a high cliff and make their footing sure. We give you thanks for the grace and peace that comes to us from God our Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ, offering to you our gratefulness especially for this church family gathered. Raise into your eternal light those who have died, that they may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. How great your wonders and your plans for us; **there is none who can be compared with you.**

(Together): Great things are they that you have done, O God, and happy are they who trust in you: Let your Spirit go forth in power and grace to heal and unify your whole creation, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us who are called to be saints to fulfill your will that all may dwell in your light, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. 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): Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this 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 glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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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Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell, Joan Dennison, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer. Susan Goguen, Barbara Tait, Sydney, Jeff Lewis, Lloyd Hines, George. Sue Balcom