



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 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn Jesus Shall Reign RB - 164

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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my

trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the Lord.

(Together): Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you, may those who seek your face be set free from fear and distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. Amen

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Gradual Hymn: What A Friend We Have In Jesus RB- 114

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

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

Our next vestry meeting will be today, January 22 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 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.

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 – Our next brown bag community breakfast will be on Sat, Feb 18.

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.

Many Thank you to everyone who donated !

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Priest: Gracious and Loving God, from our occupations and the business of our lives you call us to follow Jesus in the way of reconciliation and unity: Give us boldness to repent immediately from all that may separate us from you, that we may teach and proclaim the Good News to all the earth, as we pray: You speak in our hearts and say, “Seek my face.” Your face, O God, will we seek.

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. Holy One, let your Church proclaim the gospel with power and embrace the cross so completely that Christ may no longer be divided by the quarrels among us, but rather that your Church may be united with the same mind and the same purpose for the healing of the world. You speak in our hearts and say, “Seek my face.”

Your face, O God, will we seek.

Reader 2: Eternal One, may the leaders of the world answer readily the call to justice, that the yoke of burden and the bar of oppression across all shoulders may be broken, the lands which have lived with contempt may be made glorious, and the people who have walked in great darkness may see a great light. You speak in our hearts and say, “Seek my face.” **Your face, O God, will we seek.**

Reader 3. Compassionate One, bring your light to all who walk in darkness among the nations of the world: Cast out their gloom, banish their anguish, and increase their joy, that all may know the good news of your kingdom and live in the light of your love. You speak in our hearts and say, “Seek my face.” **Your face, O God, will we seek.**

Reader 4. Inspire our community to sing and make music to you, and hearken to your voice when you call, O Most High, that we may dwell in your house all the days of our life and offer in your dwelling an oblation with

sounds of great gladness. You speak in our hearts and say, "Seek my face."

Your face, O God, will we seek.

Reader 5. God is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear? We bring to you, our God, the anguish and concern of our hearts, praying especially for those on our parish prayer list....(add prayer list) In the day of trouble keep your people safe in your shelter. Receive into your glorious presence those who have died, May your light shine upon them always. You speak in our hearts and say, "Seek my face." **Your face, O God, will we seek.**

(Together): The light of Christ shines upon us, filling the earth with the blessing of divine grace: Lead us, O Gracious One, to follow Jesus in every moment of our lives, that we may share in the daily labor of your mission to heal and reconcile all creation in the power of your 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): Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. 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): Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this 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 Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love RB-126

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