

Trinity Anglican Church

Feeding Body, Mind & Spirit

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Celebrating 145 Years

of Proclaiming the Good News since 1869

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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 7, 2014 9:30 A.M. – Advent 2

The Offering Plate is not passed around during worship.

Your Offering may be placed on the Plate at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3.4, 6

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 393 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

GREETING: P. 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING - Peace

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities. *(Two candles are lit.)*

Song (Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

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.

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11
A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 85:1-2, 8-13

L: You have been gracious to your land, O lord; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

P: You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

P: Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

L: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

P: Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity and our land will yield its increase.

P: Righteousness shall go before him and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

All: God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15

A reading from the second Book of Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: 100 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

(vs 1,2, before reading, 3 after)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

R: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

R: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

P: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

R: The Gospel of Christ.

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: The Very Rev'd Nelson Small

HYMN: 44 – AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*kneeling*)

We include in our prayers, the following prayer cycles:

ANGLICAN WORLDWIDE: Kinkiizi - (Uganda) The Rt. Rev'd Dan Zoreka

DIOCESAN: Christ Church, Port Sydney - The Rev'd Paul Walmsley; St. Mary's, Beatrice; St. George's, Falkenburg - The Rev'd Howard Hawes; St. Mark's, Heyden - Mr. Henry Gaines, Lay Pastor

ECUMENICAL: Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

OUR BISHOPS & CLERGY: Justin (Archbishop of Canterbury), Fred (Primate), Colin (Metropolitan), Stephen (Diocesan Bishop), Nelson and Frank (Parish Clergy)

PARISH FAMILY: Doug & Maria Lewis, Isobel Liness, Marilyn MacDonald

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED OUR PRAYERS:

PARISHIONERS - Sandra Baskey, Gretl Feller, Carol Brett, Ernie Watthey, Frank & Elaine Thompson, Marilyn MacDonald, Nina Watson, Florence Brock, Carol Ann Cartier

FAMILY & FRIENDS – Maddy, Chuck Jokinen, Vida Pye, Joe & Jeannine Harwood, Coral, Jackie, Gabrielle, Melissa, Erin, Brad, Margaret, Jodrine, Sheire, Polly, Evan, Duffy, Johanne, Bailey, Branden, Lori, Fred & Patsy

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: P. 191

THE PEACE: P. 192

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN: 106 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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: (3) P. 198 (Preface for Advent – P. 219)

THE LORD'S PRAYER: P. 211

BREAKING OF THE BREAD: P. 212

HYMN: 690 - AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

THE COMMUNION

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Communion 1: 49 "Draw Near and Take"

Communion 2: 65 "Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Glory to God, 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.

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING:

Leader: Take your encouragement from Christ, that your joy may be complete.

All: We will share in the Spirit; we will find consolation in love.

Leader: Practice a ministry of humility and compassion for God is at work in you, empowering you.

All: We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will live lives worthy of the Gospel. We will go forth in hope and in peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 111 "Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement"

A donation has been given to the Capital Fund to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Wilkinson from Kay.

Announcements and Coming Events

- Dec. 7** **Birthday/Anniversary Celebrations after worship service**
Christmas Caroling after church 1-4 p.m. going to Lakeland, Belvedere & Serenity
- Dec. 8** **Meditation Series 7 p.m. church nave**
- Dec. 10** **Wednesday Carol Hymn Sing 12 noon-1 p.m.**
- Dec. 14** **Lessons & Carols Service 9:30 a.m.**
- Dec. 15** **Meditation Series 7 p.m. church nave**
- Dec. 17** **Wednesday Carol Hymn Sing 12 noon-1 p.m.**
- Dec. 18** **Seniors' Luncheon 12 noon**
- Dec. 21** **Christmas Potluck after Worship Service**
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Candlelighting**
Liturgy 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25** **Christmas Day Service Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.**

Anyone wishing to donate towards Christmas memorial flowers please contact Charleen at 705-746-5923 before December 14, 2014.

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday December 13th. If you would like to help please join us at 10 a.m. We can use all the help we can get! Bring a lunch.

Our Christmas potluck will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2014. Come along, eat, be merry!

Church Calendars 2015 are now available for \$5.00 each. Please see Charleen or Betty to purchase.

Advent Christian Meditation (Contemplative Prayer) Series continues Monday evenings beginning at 7 pm, Dec. 8th, & 15th in the church nave. Each session will last an hour (meditation time: 20 min.) All who are interested are invited to attend. No experience is necessary. This could be the beginning of a life changing experience. *A FREE WILL OFFERING will be available with the proceeds going to Harvest Share.* For additional information contact: David or Maureen Rowed at 705-389-9880.

Mitten Basket - The Outreach Committee is again this year gratefully accepting donations of mitts, hats, scarves and socks. Your items may be placed in the basket in the narthex. In January, your donations of warm woolens will be sent to Jacob Simon Memorial Education Centre in Webequie, Ontario (540 km north of Thunder Bay or 450 km north of Sioux Lookout). The school accommodates approximately 200 students from SK to grade 10. They were very grateful for last year's gifts!

Victory School is closing in 2015, almost 100 years after opening. A commemorative cookbook is being put together and we would love to have recipes or short anecdotes from former students and teachers. Please email them to victoryschoolrecipes@hotmail.com or drop off at the school on Forest Street. Please let your friends and family know and be a part of Victory School's history. Any questions, please call Mary Hachigian 705-746-9486.

January 22 - 24, 2015: Trinity Institute's 44th Annual Conference, *Creating Common Good*, to be held at Trinity via webcast. See posters on boards.

Non-perishable food donations will go to Harvest Share on the first Sunday of each month.

Notices to be printed in the weekly announcements must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday of the previous week. This will enable us to have postings on our website a week in advance.

All Committee Chairs please notify Abe Kamerman of events so that he can prepare the church hall/church for cleaning, setting up, cleaning up, etc. Please email him at a.j.enterprises@sympatico.ca or phone 705-746-0183cell. Otherwise, readiness will not prevail! Also, please let Rose-Ellen know as events must be noted on the office calendar.

