

# 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 21 2014 9:30 A.M. – Advent 4**

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.

*I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Luke 1.38*

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 101 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

GREETING: P. 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING - Love

Leader: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love, because God loves us. (*Four 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.

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on

A candle is burning, a candle of **Love**;  
A candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;  
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.



**All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A reading from the Book of Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint

a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

R. The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: 757 “Song of Mary”

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the Book of Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: 269 “Heavenly Message” (*vs 1,2 before reading, 3 after*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

R: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

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

**P: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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: Kontagora - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt. Rev'd Jonah Ibrahim

DIOCESAN: St. James', Goulais River - The Ven. William Stadnyk, The Rev'd John Swain (Hon)

ECUMENICAL: Ghana, Nigeria

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

PARISH FAMILY: Verta Mahood, Faye Marwood, Laurie McClure

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, Bill, Jeffrey, Doug, Sharon

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: P. 191

THE PEACE: P. 192

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

OFFERTORY HYMN: 155 “ From East to West, From Shore to Shore” verses 1-4 only

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: 1 P. 193

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: 73 “ One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All”

Communion 2: 78 “ Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this 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: Depart in peace, and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world.

**All: We will seek God, not in a long ago stable or ancient manger, but in the people we meet and the depths of our own hearts.**

Leader: May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others; may the peace of the season pervade all that you do.

**All: We will welcome the challenge of discipleship. We will offer ourselves as God's ministers. We will go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 362 "Tell Out My Soul"

**A donation has been given to the Capital Fund to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**



## Announcements and Coming Events

- 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.**

**All committee chairs and wardens** – please forward your year end reports to Janet Borneman at [jborneman@vianet.ca](mailto:jborneman@vianet.ca) for inclusion in the annual Vestry Report by January 10, 2015.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Request from the Wardens, Richard Adams and Randy Pepper.

### **Members of the Congregation**

Our annual Vestry meeting is coming up in early February. Looks like February 1, 2015. As you will all be aware, this is when we discuss our annual business, celebrate our past experiences and decide who will carry on in the various committees, etc. to make decisions and planning our business/social events for the next year.

We have many representatives who have been on the Parish council for long periods of time, some of whom are in need of a much deserved rest from being the leads.

The different positions that may be available include: Stewardship (PWRFD), Outreach, Events, Communications, Property, Treasurer, Vestry Clerk/Council secretary, 2 Synod delegates and 2 auditors.

Some who have held these positions in the past have indicated a willingness to stay on and others have indicated a willingness to move on. We would ask each of you to consider if and where you may fit in to the needs of the Parish and in particular, consider throwing your name in the ring so to speak for a position. Please contact Richard Adams or Randy Pepper should you be interested or have any questions about a particular position. Nominations will be accepted the day of the Vestry meeting and we would look forward to having elections.

Thanks for your consideration.