

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia and The Most Revd Dr. John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mark and their priest The Rev. Clive Thomas.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Theodore, Taber and their priest, The Rev. Wil Stonehill.

Parish: Here at Holy Nativity we pray for all our parish families and individuals, and for those desiring individual prayers. Today we especially pray for Matt, Joy, Jason, Phyllis, Vance, Anne, Eric and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving by the parish of Holy Nativity.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY August 8 - 14

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Resumes in the Fall
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm.
TUES.	6:30PM	Guides	Resumes in the Fall
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Resumes in the Fall
	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Resumes in the Fall
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	Music Room

If you wish to use the church for a meeting, gathering or any other use, please call the office to determine availability of, and to book space. It is very limited during the week.

MONTHLY

1st Sunday	Food Bank – The Food Bank values donations at \$2/lb. Next collection date mid- August.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – September 26 th
2nd Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM – August 10 th
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM – September 21 st

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
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Holy Nativity Anglican Church

*Our mission - To be God's people,
demonstrating God's love*

Prayer of the Community

Almighty God,
You sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY AT HOLY NATIVITY

8AM	HOLY COMMUNION BCP p.67
10AM	HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.185

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BCP p.67

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Collect p.67
The Commandments
The Prayer of the Community (on front of bulletin)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 p. 768
Refrain: Our God will come and not keep silence.
Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel Luke 12:32-40
The Creed p.71
Sermon The Rev Betty Vaughan
(A moment for silent reflection)

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p.77

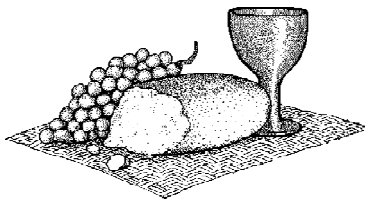
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Great Thanksgiving The Rev Betty Vaughan
Communion
The Lord's Prayer p.85

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing
Announcements
Dismissal

AGAPE: Please join us for refreshments following worship. All are welcome!



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

YEAR C - Proper 19 (Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS stress the Christian challenge: Jesus does not offer us a "comfortable pew". Jeremiah reminds us that we have failed God. The letter to the Hebrews exhorts us to run the race and not falter. Jesus himself tells us that our Christian choices will be costly.

The First Reading (Isaiah 5: 1-7) is Isaiah's "Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard". It is, of course, an allegory. The "vineyard" represents the people of Israel who were not producing the fruits of godliness. The poem is described as a "love-song" (v. 1). God loves his people. He has created the "vineyard" and has provided for all its needs. He looked for it to yield good grapes, but its grapes were "wild grapes" (v. 2). If this was a song sung at the time of the grape harvest, the people would understand that an unproductive vineyard deserves only to be abandoned and let run to ruin (vv. 5 & 6). Then comes the climax: the prophet reveals in his song that "the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel" (v. 7), and that God expected of them "justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry" of the oppressed (v. 7).

The Second Reading (Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2) brings this little essay on faith to its climax. It exhorts us to persevere in the Christian life and, despite every difficulty, to win the joy of salvation. Christians are like runners who race in the arena (12: 1-2). The "cloud of witnesses" (v. 12: 1) are the faithful heroes of the past who once ran the race in their day setting us an example, but who now cheer us on. Still, our greatest example is Jesus who inspires us to forsake sin, to endure the cross, and to reign eternally with him.

The Gospel (Luke 12: 49-56) points to the crises which all Christians, sooner or later, have to face. Jesus here speaks of the "fire" of the ordeal of his Passion and Death, and of the agony of making right choices. Jesus, at his Baptism, made a choice for God which ultimately led to his Cross. We who are Baptized have to choose, either for Jesus or against him. The issue is critical: even families will be split over it. Choices in life are inevitable. We who are able to forecast the weather surely will understand that the Kingdom is coming, and that we must choose rightly if we are to be part of it.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Proper 20, pp. 374/375	Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Reader: Alan Scott	Prayers: Pat Gilroy

NEWS 'N VIEWS

FAREWELL TO THE BEVERIDGE FAMILY

Please join us **Friday, August 27, 2010** at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall for a potluck lasagna dinner honouring Fr. Bryan and Rita Beveridge. There will be entertainment, fellowship and fun! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the back door.

SEEKING HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – September, 2010 to February, 2011

This fall, 3 students from Brazil will be attending Centennial and Lord Beaverbrook High Schools to study English and experience Canadian culture. We are looking for warm, caring families in nearby communities to share their homes and host an international student for 5 months. If your family is interested in partaking in this unique cultural experience, please **contact Kristin at klindved@mliesl.com or call (403) 669-6221**. You can also visit the Muskoka Language International website at **www.mliesl.com**
Compensation is provided.

HOLY NATIVITY SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 12 – Ministry Fair and Soup & Sandwich Lunch in the Hall following the 10 am service
Sat. Oct 30 – Fall Fair and Tea Room from 10 am – 3 pm
Fri. Nov 26 – Fall Supper with entertainment in the Hall at 6:30 pm
You are encouraged to bring along family and friends to all our social events!

COOKIE SUNDAY

My sincere thanks to all the ladies who baked cookies for me over the past two years. Cookie Sunday will resume in September and will be coordinated by Marylyn Bradshaw. I hope you will continue to support Marylyn as she continues this ministry.
Thank you,
Christina Power

FOR SALE

Fr Bryan has to sell his Mustang Convertible before his move out East. If anyone is interested please call Rita at (403) 254-0246