

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, may we who have received this Eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth Christ's gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for The See of Canterbury, and The Most Rev'd Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, St. Vincent and The Grenadines and for their priest, The Rev. Ashton Francis.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish of St. George in Stettler, St. Paul in Byemore and their priest, The Rev. Jack Schulze.

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, Don, Dorothy, Joy, Jason, Nathan, Craig, Shirley, Marian, Bev, Phyllis, Vance, Anne and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar today have been given to the glory of God, and with thanksgiving by the parish of Holy Nativity.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY May 23 – May 29

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Music Rm.
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm.
TUES.	9:30AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Rm.
	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Music Rm.
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:45AM	Bible Study	Music Rm.

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 June 6 th To date \$752 has been donated.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – Is today!!!!
1st Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM – June 1 st
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM – May 25 th (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE)

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
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The Feast of Pentecost

Sun. May 23, 2010.

Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BCP p.67

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome & Announcements

The Collect p.67

The Commandments

The Prayer of the Community (on front of bulletin)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9

Psalm: Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 14: 8-17

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. Bryan Beveridge

Communion

The Lord's Prayer p.85

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Dismissal

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



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

PENTECOST, which means "fiftieth" day, comes fifty days after Passover or Easter. Anciently it was a Jewish festival celebrating the wheat harvest, but later it celebrated the giving of the Law and the founding of the "Jewish Church". The Christian Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first Christians, and the beginning of the Christian Church.

The First Reading (Genesis 11: 1-9) is the story of the tower of Babel. This tale, the climax of the Bible's prologue (chapters 1 - 11), depicts the arrogance of humankind. Civilization with its manufactured bricks and mortar, and its technical "knowhow", attempts to exalt itself to heaven; but it all comes to nothing, resulting only in confusion and discord. The disconnected babble of languages in this story is to be contrasted with the Spirit-given languages of Pentecost.

The Second Reading (Acts 2: 1-21) is the account of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples. Jews from every province of the Roman Empire had come up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. They were astonished to hear Jesus' disciples, who only shortly before had been hiding out for fear of arrest, now openly and boldly preaching the Good News of Jesus, risen and glorified. The disciples had heard the sound of the wind and seen the tongues of fire. Surely they would associate this wind and fire with the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai in the days of Moses, for Pentecost commemorated the giving of the Law. But now they experienced a new dispensation, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the disciples were filled with a fervent ecstasy, a phenomenon seen from time to time in the Old Testament (e.g. 1 Samuel 10: 9-13) and frequently in the Christian Church (1 Corinthians 14, etc.). Bystanders thought that the disciples were drunk, but Peter replied that the prophecies of Joel had at last been fulfilled, and The New Age had begun.

The Gospel (John 14: 8-17) is Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit whom he calls the "Advocate" (or "Helper") and the "Spirit of Truth". As Jesus is "in the Father", and the "Father is in" Jesus, so we see the Holy Spirit at work in him (v. 11). That same Holy Spirit is given to all who obey him, enabling us to be led into God's truth and peace.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT – Trinity Sunday - May 30th

Propers, p. 346

Romans 5: 1-5

Reader: Stan Reid

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

John 16: 12-15

Prayers: Pat Gilroy

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sun. June 13 – Hot Dog Lunch in the church hall following 10AM service

Sun. July 11 – Stampede BBQ following 10AM service

Sun. Sept. 12 – Ministry Fair and Soup & Sandwich Lunch in The Hall following 10AM service

Sat. Oct. 30 – Fall Fair and Tea Room from 10AM-3PM

Fri. Nov. 26 – Fall Supper with entertainment in The Hall at 6:30PM – You are encouraged to bring along family and friends.

WANTED

We are looking for someone who has some expertise in book binding and would be willing to help repair some of our BAS copies. If you could help, please talk to Fr. Bryan after worship.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK GROUP

The Strategic Planning Task Group has held their first meeting. The work of this group will be to help us plan strategically for the future of Holy Nativity – 5 – 10 years out. We would like a mix of new and not so new parishioners, old and young, families and individuals. If you have interest, enthusiasm, time and skill please let us know. Please speak to a Vestry Member to offer yourself in this vital task.

NAME TAGS

Some have noticed that we are losing name tags. Our desire here at Holy Nativity is that everyone would be known by name. If you do not have a permanent name tag or you have lost the one you had, please note that fact on the sign up sheet in the 'pass through' and we will order you one. We will be ordering the magnetic badges that most seem to like.

Our General Synod meets in Halifax June 3 - 11. Their primary focus will be the Five Marks of Mission. They are:

- to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- to teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- to respond to human need by loving service
- to seek to transform unjust structures of society
- to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Please pray for our Diocesan delegates as well as those from across Canada as they meet to worship, share, and seek God's vision for our future.