

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi: The Most Revd. Bernard Ntahoturi, Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter, St. Luke: The Rev. Michael Marshall.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Michael, Canmore: The Rev. Betty Piwowar.

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 Ruth, Anne, Pat, Dave, Will, Don, Dorothy, Joy, Nathan and Ava, and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY January 25 - 30, 2010

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15AM	Choir Practice	Music Rm.
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	7:30PM	Contemporary Music Practice	Sanctuary
	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm
TUES	9:30AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Rm
	5:00PM	Pathfinders	Music Rm
	6:30PM	Brownies	Hall
WED.	6:15PM	Sparks	Hall
	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
	7:00PM	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
THURS.	7:15PM	Evening Bible Study	Friendship Rm
	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:45AM	Bible Study	Music Room
	7:00PM	Choir Practice	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 is February 7 th , 2010.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – today January 24 th .
1st Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM February 2, 2010
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM February 16, 2010

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
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January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after Epiphany Lectionary 3

Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

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.

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: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm: 19
Refrain: The words of the Lord are spirit and life.
Epistle: 1 Cor 12: 12-31a
Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21
The Creed: p. 71
Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
(A moment for silent reflection)

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering
The Prayers of the People – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
Confession and Absolution p. 77

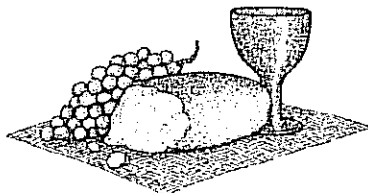
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
Communion
The Lord's Prayer p.85

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing
Announcements
Dismissal

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



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

YEAR C - Proper 3
(Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS continue the course readings from 1 Corinthians and revert back to readings from St Luke. The Old Testament reading reflects the theme of the Gospel: the people hear the word of God, and it is taught to them.

The First Reading (Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10) tells how the Law of God was read to the people, and how they revered it as God's will for them. The people had returned from the Exile and had begun to rebuild Jerusalem. The temple already had been rebuilt at the instigation of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. Then when Nehemiah returned to be the governor, the city walls and fortifications were set in place. Finally, "Ezra the scribe" came to Jerusalem bringing with him the "Law of Moses" (Ezra 7: 14). The people were gathered together and they stood while the Law was read to them. The Law was explained, and the people worshipped. Our own liturgy is based upon ancient Jewish worship just as we see it here. We stand for the reading of the Gospel; it is preached and explained. Then we worship and adore the God who thus reveals himself to us.

The Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a) is Paul's familiar description of the Church as the Body of Christ. We are incorporated into the Church by Baptism, but each one of us continues to be unique and different, an individual personality. Just as each part of the human body is unique and different, and just as each part has a particular and essential function, so it is in the Church. Every person has a role and every person is essential to the whole.

The Gospel (Luke 4: 14-21) shows us Jesus reading and teaching in the synagogue at Nazareth, his home town. Here he laid his cards on the table, so to speak: he declared himself to be the Messiah. He said that it was the Spirit of God who led him, and that he had come to usher in God's Kingdom. Notice the style of worship in the synagogue: Jesus stood up to read, and then he sat down to teach. The people on this occasion, however, followed this up, not with worship but with skepticism and indignation. It was rejection such as this which ultimately led to the Cross.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2010 – EPIPHANY 4

Propers: 4, pg 352
Psalm: 71: 1-6
Luke 4: 21-30
Reader: Helen Wheeler

Jer: 1: 4-10
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Prayers: Andre Visscher

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW SIGN ??? Web Site - www.holynativity.ca

PARISH POTLUCK SUPPER: Please mark your calendars for **Friday January 29 at 6:30pm**. Bring your family and friends and join in for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

YOUTH MISSION GRENADA: Trip dates are now confirmed for **Mar 26-Apr 5th, 2010**. An exciting program is being planned in conjunction with the committee overseeing our Diocese's partnership with the Windward Islands. If you are a youth aged 14-18 and are interested in participating and sharing in this mission, please confirm **ASAP**. Passports and immunizations (Hep A/B & Tetanus) are required. Mandatory information/planning meeting **Jan 31st @ 11 am** at the Church. **DEADLINE TO CALL: January 27th**. Kathy Dodds (403) 257-1703, or the Church office (403) 278-0001.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI: If you wish to respond by the donation of funds to relief work, you may do so through the Primates Fund. Simply write a cheque to Holy Nativity with PWRDF- Haiti Relief on the Memo line of your cheque. The work on the ground will be coordinated through ACT (Action by Churches Together). This group works with the local churches and NGO's to facilitate relief work. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Tuesday Feb 16 at 6:00pm, (pancakes, ham and beans). All welcome!

NEIGHBOURLINK is hosting a workshop for the Calgary Homeless foundation on the Adopt a Family Program, Saturday, January 30th in the morning. A poster is on the bulletin board. If you are interested, please phone them, and also let the office know if you are interested and we can arrange going as a group. 403-278-0001

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT will be held at St. Peter's Anglican Church (Sat Jan 30) and St. Cecilia's RC Church (Thurs Jan 28). All donations at the St. Peter's event are being directed through the work of the Primate's Fund (PWRDF). Please see notice on bulletin board.

COOKIE SUNDAY: A sincere thank you to all the ladies who baked cookies for us this past year. Once again there is a sign-up sheet by the kitchen for February and March. Please sign up if you could bake 3 dozen cookies (no nut products) for the fourth Sunday of the month. You will be contacted on the Monday prior to confirm. Thank you, Christina Power, Coordinator.