

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean: The Most Revd. Gerald James (Ian) Ernest, Archbishop, Province of the Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary La Caye: The Ven. Randolph Evelyn.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember Holy Nativity Anglican Church: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge; The Rev. Betty Vaughan.

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, Ava, Simpson and others on our hearts today

CALENDAR

WEEKLY March 15-20, 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
	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
	7:30PM	Lenten Bible Study	Friendship Rm
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:45AM	Bible Study/Lenten Lunch	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 April 4, 2010.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – March 28, 2010.
1st Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM April 6, 2010
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM March 16, 2010

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
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March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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

8AM HOLY COMMUNION – BCP p.67

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

The Collect p.67
The Summary of the Law
The Prayer of the Community (on front of bulletin)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm: 32
Refrain: **You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.**
Epistle: 2 Cor 5: 16-21
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
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

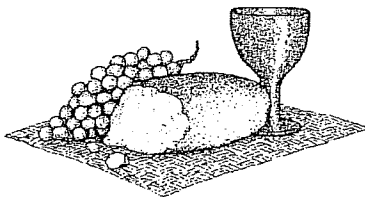
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing
Dismissal

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



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

YEAR C - Fourth Sunday in Lent (Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS once again remind us about the saving acts of God. The Israelites had been saved from slavery in Egypt, so when they came into the Promised Land they celebrated the Passover. Christ has saved us from both Sin and Death, and so we celebrate the Christian Passover, the Paschal or Easter Festival. In saving us, Christ has reconciled us to God and made us a part of his new creation.

The First Reading (Joshua 5: 9-12) tells us about the first celebration of the Feast of the Passover. The Israelites, after wandering in the wilderness for forty years, had at last crossed the Jordan River and come into the Promised Land. Here for the first time they observed the Passover, celebrating their wonderful deliverance out of Egypt. Now that the natural food of the land was available to them, the supernatural food (the manna) that God had given them in the wilderness ceased to be provided. So we are reminded of our deliverance from Sin and Death by the Sacrifice of Jesus, and how we will no longer need the supernatural food of the Eucharist in the Promised Land of God's Kingdom in Heaven.

The Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5: 16-21) speaks of our reconciliation to God and our new life in Jesus Christ. As we prepare for Good Friday and Easter we become ever more conscious of what Christ has done for us. At one time, says Paul, we had been alienated from God by Sin; but now, we have been "reconciled to God" (v. 8) and we are called to be at one with him (v. 20). We are, as it were, made over: we are a "new creation" (v. 17). Even more, we are to be "ambassadors for Christ" (v. 20), exercising a "ministry of reconciliation", and declaring to others that Christ has died so that we all might be at one in him.

The Gospel (Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32) is the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son. We should know that this story is about more than the forgiveness of God who welcomes home the sinner. Notice that in the Gospel today the parable is introduced by verses 1-3 which tell how the Pharisees criticized Jesus for consorting with sinners. This parable then is Jesus' response. It shows how God **reaches out** to sinners. Perhaps most of us will recognize ourselves in the older brother who, unlike his father, was too proud to be reconciled to the one who had let them all down.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010 - LENT 5

Readings for Lent 5, pg. 294/295
Psalm: 126
John 12: 1-8

Reader: Jillian Yaworski

Isaiah 43: 16-21
Phil 3: 4b-14

Prayers: Andre Visscher

NEWS 'N VIEWS

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate toward the Easter Flowers in the Church, please pick up a form in the entranceway, fill it out, attach your offering, and return it to the Church.

PALM CROSSES: On Sat March 27th members of the congregation and the Altar Guild will gather to make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday, March 28. You will be "shown how" by a member of the Altar Guild. Time 9:30am.

SOUP AND BUN LUNCH: The Thursday morning bible study group invites you to join them at noon for a Soup and Bun Lunch on Thursdays in Lent.

DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT- Friday March 19, 2010: Please join us for a gourmet spaghetti dinner followed by a family friendly movie. Dinner begins at 6pm; Movie begins at 7:15pm. This will be our parish send off for the youth and chaperones heading off to Grenada on Thurs. Mar. 25th. Fr. Bryan will be commissioning them for their mission at this time. Cost for this event will be \$10.00/adult or \$25.00/family or if you prefer, "a free will offering". The money raised will help offset the group's expenses. We look forward to a full house so mark your calendar now. PS- If you can help, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE – SAT MAY 1ST: Annual Highway Clean-up Youth Fundraiser. Alternate rain-out date is Sat May 8th. Plan to help out for all or part of the day – make it a family affair!

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP: Saturday March 27, 1:30- 4:00 pm.
Thank you to all those who signed up for the card making workshop on March 27. This workshop is now full. For those who have expressed an interest, I will arrange another workshop at a later date. Please contact Tammy Hopkinson at 403-238-7330 for details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Thank you to all of the members of the congregation who helped with the World Day of Prayer, held on Friday March 5th. It was a beautiful service and I much appreciate the participation of Bryan and Betty, as well as Joan Eades, and the women who decorated the church and provided lunch. The turn out for the service was rewarding, with several churches in the area participating.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP BREAKFAST, MARCH 20th AT 8:30AM:

Since 1962, the Hull Agency has been committed to helping Calgary's troubled youth, struggling families and challenged adults. Hull serves over 3,000 people everyday who may face a variety of issues including emotional, behavioural, developmental challenges, neglect, abuse, addiction, poverty and violence. A compelling presentation on the history and current work of the role played by Hull Child and Family Services in Calgary will be presented at our breakfast this month. Thank you for your anticipated attendance.