

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our hope,
In this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives,
Give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for
Tanga (Tanzania): The Rt. Revd. Phillip D. Baji.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion
diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. George with St.
Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish
of St. Cyprian, Brocket, St. Paul and St. Thomas, Cardston: The
Ven. Sidney Black.

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 Nathan, Joy, Ruth, Peggy, Anne, Pat, Dave,
Clarke, Phyllis, Tammy, Marj, and any other on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Given to the glory of God and for the blessings to our family
and friends. From Earl and Carrill Sorrette.*

Holy Nativity Anglican Church
Stewardship Endeavour - Fall 2009
Sacrificial Giving
Theme: "Putting God First"

Bulletin: "Putting God First"

A program of Sacrificial Giving is being introduced in our parish
today as we begin our Stewardship Program for the coming year.

No gift is truly a gift unless it is freely given. God's gifts to us are
given in this manner. Sacrificial Giving is really an attitude of
gratitude to God for His generosity.

We are called to model our giving after God's unconditional
generosity to us. Our gifts to Him become sacrificial when we
give from what we feel we need; when we give something that we
thought we needed for ourselves. Then we realize that our
security lies not in material goods but in God.

Is your gift to the work of God's church a sacrifice or do you give
what is left over after you take care of yourself? Each of us must
search our own hearts to find whether we give to God trusting
that He will care for us or do we put Him at the back of the line to
wait for the leftovers?

Joyful Giving is a sharing, in a planned proportionate way, the
wealth with which God has blessed us. It is a sign of our gratitude
to God. It is an expression of our faith, of what we say we believe.
We direct a portion of our giving through our parish because it is
the body which most clearly bears witness to the meaning and
values we find at the centre of our lives.

In the coming weeks you will hear more about our Stewardship
Endeavour for the coming year. We pray that you will "Consider
God First" as you decide how you will give back to God from the
gifts that He unconditionally gives to you. May God's blessings
be with you, your families and friends as you celebrate
"Thanksgiving."

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Pentecost 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday Oct 11, 2009



Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your
creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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: Joel 2: 21-27
Psalm: Psalm 126, pg. 885
Epistle: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33
The Creed: pg.71
Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
(A moment for silent reflection)

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

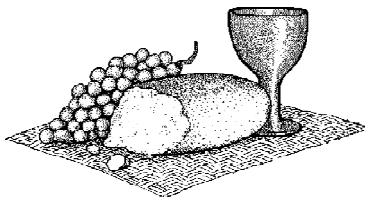
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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 B – Harvest Thanksgiving
(Revised Lectionary)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING was a major feature of early Jewish life in Palestine, and all three of the major Jewish feasts had associations with Harvest festivals: Passover with first-fruits, Pentecost with the grain harvest, and Tabernacles with the grape harvest. The American Thanksgiving of 1621, celebrated by the Pilgrims who were Puritan Christians from England, has given to us the modern Harvest Thanksgiving.

The First Reading (Joel 2: 21-27) is a hymn of praise to God for the things that grow: the pastures are luxuriant with grass; there is fruit on the trees; there will be oil from the olive orchards and wine from the vineyards. The prophet Joel is particularly moved to praise because the land had been devastated by an invasion of locusts which had stripped the countryside bare (chapter 1). This was seen as a sign of God's judgment, and Joel had called for national repentance. Now all has been restored, and this also is a sign. God is "in the midst of Israel" and "there is none else" (v.27). We too are reassured by the magnificent providence of God that he is indeed amongst his people.

The Second Reading (1 Timothy 2: 1-7) is a portion of Paul's instruction to Timothy. Christ offers salvation, he says, not just to the few but to everyone. We should pray, therefore, for everyone, especially for those who have special responsibilities as leaders in our society. And we should give thanks. We should especially pray on behalf of those who either do not believe in prayer or are neglectful of it, and give thanks on their behalf as well.

The Gospel (Matthew 6: 25-33) is a well known passage from the Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus tells us not to be overly concerned about the necessities of life. Of course we are not to neglect proper planning or stewardship. We are indeed to prepare for the future, and to care properly for the material gifts given to us, but we are not to be anxious about them. Rather our concern should be for God's Kingdom and his righteousness. If we put God first we can be sure that he will provide for our needs. It is in this faith and confidence that we make our requests to him.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 - Pentecost 20

Proper 29, pp.386	Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)
Hebrews 5: 1-10	Luke 20: 45-47; 21:1-4
Reader: Tammy Hopkinson	Prayers: Kathleen Patterson

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! HAVE A LOOK!!!
www.holynativity.ca

BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on September 30th at 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm there will be a Bible Study on the "**Parables of Jesus**". This study is for 6 weeks and each week is a separate study. Join us for coffee at 7:15 and study to begin at 7:30 pm. There is a DVD and discussion based on a study guide. All are welcome. The co-ordinator for this evening is Alan Scott.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CRAFTS AND FELLOWSHIP: Would you like to spend time relaxing with your craft, learn a new one or just have time to socialize with other like minded people? Beginning Wednesday evening September 23rd at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Room there will be an opportunity. The co-ordinator for this evening is Marylyn Bradshaw.

NEIGHBOURLINK SUNDAY has become a continuing outreach here at Holy Nativity. As we celebrate God's blessings, we will collect baby items for those less fortunate today, **Sunday October 11th** at our Thanksgiving Day services. Baby needs would include diapers, baby wash, wipes, face cloths and all other items related to newborns or very young children. In addition to Neighbourlink items, we will also collect gently used non-motorized soft toys that are sent to Eastern Europe with the **Heartbeat** program.

PRIMATE'S FUND CD – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have ordered 20 of these CD's for sale at \$20. If you wish to purchase one speak to Dorothy Kaethler or drop by the church office. We will play it on the sound system for you if you wish to hear a bit before purchase. All funds go to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

FOLLOWING SYNOD SAT 17th OCTOBER you are invited to a reception at St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, at 7:00 pm. **Keynote speaker: Bishop Tom Morgan, PWRDF Board member. Heather Pearson**, Youth council Delegate will share pictures and stories from the PWRDF visit to Burundi and Kenya. This will be a lot of fun with ethnic finger food, a cash bar, and entertainment. Funds raised go to PWRDF's "50 Refugee Families Sponsorship Project" in the Calgary Diocese. Our Diocese has asked to sponsor 3 families. The cost is \$20. Contact Alison Longson 403- 243-5478 or pwrdfcalgary@telus.net to register.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP OCTOBER 17th, 8:30AM BREAKFAST MEETING. Ever wonder what really goes on in Afghanistan as opposed to what the media reports? Hear and see a first hand report of the real conditions throughout the country, and what Canada is doing to make positive changes for the better. Our guest speaker Rob Malcolm, Major (ret'd) Canadian Armed Forces, will give us an inciteful presentation and look at the real Afghanistan complete with a power point presentation. This is one Breakfast you won't want to miss. See you there.