

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Wau (Sudan): The Rt. Revd. Henry Cuir Riak.

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 Revd. Michael Marshall.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember Christ Church, Nanton; St. Aldhelm, Vulcan: The Rev. Gordon Cranch, Deacon; St. Peter, Okotoks: The Rev. Tim Webster; The Rev. Bob Reed.

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, Anne, Pat, Dave, Clarke, David, Phyllis, Sid, Will and any others on our hearts today.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY November 22-28

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
THURS.	10:00AM	Morning Prayer/Holy Communion	Chapel
	10:30AM	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.
Month of October: 71.5 lbs, \$143. YTD: 500.5 lbs, \$1001.
Next collection date December 6th.

4th Sunday

COOKIE Sunday – November 22nd.

1st Tuesday

Corporation meeting 7:00PM December 1st.

3rd Tuesday

Vestry meeting 7:00PM December 15th.

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; 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: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7
Psalm: Psalm 132: 1-13 p. 889
Refrain: **The Lord will dwell in Zion for ever**
Epistle: Revelation 1: 4b-8
Gospel: John 18: 33-37
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

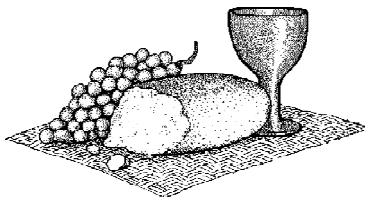
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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 - Reign of Christ
Proper 34
(Revised Lectionary)

THE REIGN OF CHRIST is the title given to this last Sunday of the Church's Year. Today's readings are strongly eschatological; that is, they proclaim that the end of all things is at hand when Christ will reign triumphantly over all. In the meantime, if we welcome him, Christ will reign in our hearts.

The First Reading (2 Samuel 23: 1-7) is a psalm describing the rule of King David, a foreshadowing of the eternal reign of the "Son of David", Jesus the Messiah. This passage is said to be David's "last words" (v. 1), not his death-bed utterance but his "last word", i.e. his ultimate expression. David is the "anointed of God" (v. 1) meaning that he is especially chosen and empowered by God. God speaks through him, and enables him to rule "justly", and "in the fear of the Lord" (v. 3). He gives God the honour. God responds by pouring his blessings upon the nation, like the sun and the rain which bless the land and cause it to bring forth plenteously. David's reign, which brought Israel to a peak of godly prosperity, anticipates the reign of Christ in the Kingdom of God.

The Second Reading (Revelation 1: 4b-8) is a kind of doxology, or praise to God, by which John begins his account of the revelation shown to him. John gives glory equally to "him who is and who was and who is to come" (the First Person of God?), and to "the seven spirits" (the Third Person of God?), and to "Jesus Christ (the Second Person) ... the ruler of the kings of the earth". He here equates Jesus with God. Jesus is the one who loves us, and who has freed us by his blood, says John: "to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever" (v. 6). With his Father, Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all things (see Revelation 22: 12). (Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.) So Jesus is praised as Lord and King.

The Gospel (John 18: 33-37) is the private inquisition of Jesus by Pontius Pilate, the governor. The charge against Jesus was that he was attempting to set up a Jewish state independent of the Roman Empire. In this discussion with Pilate, Jesus explains the true nature of his authority: he says, "My kingdom is not from this world". He has come into the world, he says, to establish an eternal and spiritual Kingdom of truth under God.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 – Advent 1

Advent 1, pg. 268
Psalm 25: 1-9
Luke 21: 25-36

Reader: Stan Reid

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Prayers: Andre Visscher

NEWS 'N VIEWS

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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on Thursday Nov 12 from 11:00am to 12:00 noon, there will be a Bible Study on the "**Parables of Jesus**". This study is for 6 weeks and each week is a separate study. There is a DVD and discussion based on a study guide. All are welcome. The co-ordinator for this study is Rev. Betty Vaughan. The Wednesday evening Bible Study is now finished.

PRIMATE'S FUND CD – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have 3 left, and the cost is \$20 each. We can 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.

OUR FALL SUPPER – Since we do not have a co-ordinator volunteer this year, our fall supper has been cancelled.

FALL FAIR: We are missing some signs that were used to advertise the Fall Fair. If you happen to have these wayward signs, could you please return them to Marylyn Bradshaw. Thank You.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you have any information to be included in the Sunday bulletins, please note that the cut-off time for input is Wednesdays at 11am.

OPERATION BACKPACK: Streetlight (mobile youth ministry for street kids) needs 600 backpacks for homeless children. Please see bulletin board for details if you can help.

MCDUGALL UNITED CHURCH: Visions Country Gospel is presenting A Country Christmas concert, Sat. Dec 5 at 7pm. See bulletin board for details.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE Choir and Christmas concerts will be held at 7:30pm on Nov 26 & 27 at Centre Street Church, Main Campus, 3900 – 2nd St. NE, Calgary, AB. Free will offering.

ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH TEA AND BAZAAR will be held Sat Nov 28, 1– 3pm. Admission - \$4.00 includes refreshments, door prize, lunch.