

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. John with St. Mark and St. Matthew.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Edmund, Calgary: The Rev. Ed. Davies.

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, Phyllis, Sid, Will, Don, Dorothy, Joy & Nathan 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 4 – 9, 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
WED.	7:15PM	Evening Bible Study	Friendship Rm
THURS.	10:00AM	Holy Communion/Morning Prayer	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 Dec: 50lbs, \$100. Year 2009: 597 lbs; \$1194. A big thank you to all who have donated! Next collection date is today.

4th Sunday

COOKIE Sunday –January 24th, 2010.

1st Tuesday

Corporation meeting 7:00PM January 5, 2010

3rd Tuesday

Vestry meeting 7:00PM January 19, 2010.

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know 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 BAS p.230
10AM HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.230

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BAS p.230

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

The Grace p.230
The Summary of the Law p.231
The Prayer of the Community (on *front of bulletin*)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14, p.798
Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12
Sermon: The Rev. Betty Vaughan
(*A moment for silent reflection*)

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Creed p.234
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p.238
The Peace

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Thanksgiving and Prayer over the Gifts (*back of bulletin*)
The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
The Lord's Prayer p.245
Breaking of the Bread p.246
Communion
Communion Hymns
Prayer after Communion (*back of bulletin*)
Doxology p.247

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

YEARS A/B/C - Epiphany (Revised Lectionary)

EPIPHANY means "manifestation" or "showing forth". Today we celebrate the "Epiphany" of Jesus, the demonstration that this Child of Mary is indeed God's Son and the Saviour of the world. The three stories traditionally associated with this festival are (1) our Lord's Baptism, (2) his changing water into wine, and (3) the coming of the wise men.

The First Reading (Isaiah 60: 1-6) is a call to joy and gladness, for God has shown to his people the glory of his salvation, and his people in turn will show that glory to the world. The passage is from Third Isaiah. The prophecies of Second Isaiah (specifically Isaiah 40) have been fulfilled: God has restored his people from exile in Babylon. Now all nations will come to know the true God by what he has done for his people. The Christian understanding of this passage is clear. The light of God's salvation has come in the Person of Jesus Christ, and all nations of the world will come to own him as their King. The references to camels, gold and frankincense, of course, speak to us of those gentiles, the wise men "from the east", who represent the peoples of the world.

The Second Reading (Ephesians 3: 1-12) repeats the theme of the Old Testament reading. Paul declares that "the mystery of Christ" (v. 4), "revealed ... by the Spirit" (v. 5) to the apostles and prophets, is now made available to gentiles as well as to Jews.

The Gospel (Matthew 2: 1-12) is the familiar story of the coming of the "wise men from the east". We are not told that there were three of them; that tradition arises from the reference to the three gifts. Nor are we told that they were kings; that is inferred from the costliness of the gifts which presumably only kings could afford. These wise men were "from the east", the seat of wisdom according to many ancient peoples. Being gentiles, they represent the peoples of the world and are traditionally depicted as being black, brown, and yellow (or white). King Herod's psychopathic fear of losing his throne was quite in keeping with his historical character. The central point of the story, however, is that the various signs (the star, Herod's fear, the wise men's search and adoration) all show how this Child is manifested or revealed as God and King to be worshipped by the whole world.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2010 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Propers 1, pg 348
Psalm 29
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Reader: Dorothy Kaethler
Isaiah 43: 1-7
Acts 8: 14-17
Prayers: Stan Reid

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW SIGN ??? Web Site - 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, but will be starting up again in January 2010.

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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Come and join us for studies and discussion on the Miracles of Jesus, using the Deeper Connections videos, starting January 6 to and including February 10. We have the coffee on at 7:15, start the session at 7:30 and end at 9 pm. Each session stands alone so you can miss some and still enjoy the others. All are welcome. For information, contact Alan or Barb Scott at 403-278-1643

2010 DAYTIMERS – If you need a daytimer for 2010, we have a quantity of them from the Bible League of Canada. Please pick one up in the entrance area

PRIMATE'S FUND CD – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have 2 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.

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.