

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon; Suffragan Bishop of Yangon-(Myanmar): The Rt. Revd. Joseph Than Pe.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Calvert Leopold Friday and the Staff of the Synod Office.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember The Rt. Rev. Derek Hoskin, The Ven. Barry Foster and the Staff of the Synod Office.

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, and with love and gratitude for the continued good health of our granddaughter Avery. from Wes and Judy Fillo and family.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY December 20 - 26, 2009

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 (resumes in Jan)	Friendship Rm
XMAS EVE	4:30PM	Family Communion Service	Sanctuary
	7:30PM	Holy Eucharist BAS 185	Sanctuary
	10:30PM	Holy Eucharist BCP 67	Sanctuary
XMAS DAY	10:00AM	Holy Communion BAS 230	Sanctuary

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 January 3, 2010.

4th Sunday

COOKIE Sunday –December 27th.

1st Tuesday

Corporation meeting 7:00PM January 5, 2010

3rd Tuesday

Vestry meeting 7:00PM January 19, 2010.

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
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Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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.230
10AM	HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.230

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 10AM

10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BAS p.230

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

The Grace p.230

Opening Hymn: #101

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Summary of the Law #231

The Prayer of the Community (on *front of bulletin*)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: Canticle 18 (Lk 1:47-55), pg 86

Epistle: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gradual Hymn: #93

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge

(*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

Offertory Hymn: #624

Thanksgiving & Prayer over the Gifts (*back of bulletin*)

The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Betty Vaughan

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

Closing Hymn: #363

Dismissal

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



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

YEAR C - Advent 4
(Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS bring us to the final stages in our preparation for Christmas. We consider the "little town of Bethlehem" out of which the Messiah was to come. We consider the reason for his Coming: that he came to offer himself as a sacrifice for the world. We consider the manner of his Coming, and the Virgin Mary who made it all possible.

The First Reading (Micah 5: 2-5a) is one of the classical prophecies about the Coming of the Messiah: he was to be born in Bethlehem. When people later speculated about Jesus, whether he was indeed the Messiah, reference was made to this passage (cf. Matthew 2: 6, where the Wise Men enquire of Herod; and John 7: 42: "If this Jesus is the Messiah, how is it that he comes from Galilee?"). We should recall that King David who was the popular model for the Messiah also came from Bethlehem, and that is why the town was called the "City of David".

The Second Reading (Hebrews 10: 5-10) is at first perhaps a little difficult to understand as having an Advent theme. We should remember, however, that Advent prepares us for Christ's Coming amongst us, and that the reason for his coming was to take unto himself human nature so that he might offer himself on our behalf to the Father. Christmas is not just a pretty story about the birth of a great man. Christmas tells us that God's Son became human to make a perfect offering of obedience to his heavenly Father: "See, I have come to do your will" (v. 9).

The Gospel (Luke 1: 39-45) tells the story of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth was "getting on in years" (v. 7) but she too was pregnant, and expecting the birth of the child who would become John the Baptist. We can presume that Mary, all agog with what was happening to her, would naturally seek out Elizabeth for support and counsel. Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed" (v. 42) and that is what we call her today (v. 48) because of her faith and obedience to God, and because of her role in bearing the Son of God. The "Magnificat", Mary's Song, used today in place of the psalm and so familiar to Anglicans familiar with Evensong, expresses how God works in the humble and lowly. And this is the spirit of Christmas.

READINGS FOR SUN DECEMBER 27, 2009 – Christmas 1

Christmas 1- pg. 276

Psalm 148

Luke 2: 41-52

Reader: Madison Yaworski

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Colossians 3: 12-17

Prayers: Pat Gilroy

NEWS 'N VIEWS

DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW SIGN ??? The Christmas Service Times are posted there and on our 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.

4:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: If you have children who will be attending this service, please have them bring the following with them: **a loonie, a can of soup, a small juice box and one candy cane.** I will be getting all the children to help me do the 'sermon' portion of the service and they will each need these items. Thank you so much. Rev. Betty Vaughan.

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. There will be sign-up sheets in mid-January.

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.

HEARTBEAT CHARITY: If you have winter boots or used soft toys (non-mechanical) we have a new home for them with the Heartbeat charity. They will be cleaned and sent to Eastern Europe to less fortunate people as work gear or as gifts for Orthodox Christmas. There will be a collection box at the church. Please call Faith Young at 403-225-1342 for more information.

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.