

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasurers of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Western Mexico: The Rt. Revd. Lino Rodriguez Amaero.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Phillip, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias & St. Joseph: The Rev. Von Barker.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Cyprian, Didsbury; St. John, Olds: The Rev. Inez Hannett; St. Mark, Innisfail: The Rev. Jeanne Hunter.

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 in loving memory of Alice McVeity.
By the Eades Family.*

CALENDAR

WEEKLY December 6-12, 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	Friendship Rm
	10:00AM	Holy Communion/Morning Prayer	Chapel
THURS.	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 November: 46.5lbs, \$94. YTD: 547 lbs, \$1094. Next collection date today.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday –December 27 th .
1st Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM December 8 th (NOTE CHANGE)
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM December 15 th .

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

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive 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 Lighting the Advent Wreath (see insert)
The Summary of the Law p.231
The Prayer of the Community (on *front of bulletin*)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4
Psalm: Cantic 19 (Luke 1: 68-79)
Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6
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

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
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

YEAR C - Advent 2
(Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS continue the Advent theme of "preparation". Today (and next Sunday) the dominant figure is John the Baptist who prepares the way of the Lord. John calls us also to prepare for the Coming of Christ who comes both as Saviour at Christmas and as Judge at the end of time.

The First Reading (Malachi 3: 1-4) is a passage which attempts to rouse the people of God from their lethargy. Malachi's message was given during those lack-lustre days in Judah, not long after the return from the Exile. The promised days of prosperity had not come about in the way the people had hoped, and they were depressed and losing faith. The name "Malachi" means "messenger", and so perhaps it is Malachi himself who is the messenger sent by God to warn the people, especially the "descendants of Levi" (v. 3), the priests and spiritual leaders. Christians understand that the "messenger" here refers to John the Baptist who prepared the people for the Coming of Jesus, warning them that God is a purifying God. And his warning is for us today also.

The Second Reading (Philippians 1: 3-11) is the opening paragraph of Paul's letter after the greeting. In it Paul (1) thanks the Philippian Church for their continued support (he is writing this letter from prison), and (2) prays for their continued growth in love and understanding. Paul speaks as if "the day of Jesus Christ" (vv. 6 & 10) is about to happen, and implies that their growth into Christian maturity must be completed quickly before that day arrives. This is a call to us also that we too might grow in Christian love and understanding before the coming of that Day.

The Gospel (Luke 3: 1-6) today (and next Sunday) focuses upon the person of John the Baptist, the link between the Old Testament and the New. The Baptist is the last of all the Old Testament prophets, but he is also the one who personally introduces the Messiah so long expected. Thus he marks the beginning of the Gospel story. St Luke is careful to place John solidly and precisely in human history by referring to the political figures of his day. He thus shows how God has inserted his Promised One into the ongoing stream of human events.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009 – Advent 3

Advent 3 - pg. 270
Cantic 3 (Is 12: 2-6)
Luke 3: 7-18
Reader: Pierre Hoebbers
Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Philippians 4: 4-7
Prayers: Taiwo Mudasiru

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.

THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP invites you to join them for the Advent Soup and Bun lunch on Dec 10. We have lunch at 12 noon.

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 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.

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.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY: Thursday, Dec 10, 2009, 9:30 – 3:30, lunch included. Free will offering. FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219-19th Ave SW, 403-228-4215.

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT: Wednesday Dec 16, 5:30 – 9:30pm. Cost \$35, includes supper. FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219-19th Ave SW, 403-228-4215.

FCJ CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE Annual Christmas Open House and Art Sale: Dec 9, 4pm-7pm, 219-19th Ave SW, 403-228-4215

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF SELF HELP is having a Santa's Workshop Christmas Craft Sale, Dec 8-10, 10:00 am-4pm, 1019 – 7Ave SW (free parking behind building).

CELEBRATE THE SEASONS, Sat Dec 19, 7:30pm at Knox United Church, (506-4th St SW). Tickets \$15. Time honoured favourites and beautiful masterpieces celebration both Christmas and Hanukkah seasons. Contact 403-685-1132, or cantarechildrenschoir@shaw.ca.