

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

West Texas – (Province VII, USA): The Rt. Revd Gary Lillibridge; Suffragan Bishop of West Texas: The Rt. Revd. David Mitchell Reed.

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair: The Ven. Sylvanus Regisford.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. John the Divine, Siksika: The Rev. Margaret Waterchief, L arry Waterchief, Lay Pastor. St. Barnabas, Tsuu T'ina: The Rev. Roy Darcus.

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, David, Phyllis, Sid, Will 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 our sister in law, Gail and our friends Don and Carol Bain.

By Don and Elinor Hudson.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY November 29-Dec 5

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	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 November: 46.5lbs, \$94. YTD: 547 lbs, \$1094. Next collection date December 6th.

4th Sunday

COOKIE Sunday –December 27th.

1st Tuesday

Corporation meeting 7:00PM December 8th.

3rd Tuesday

Vestry meeting 7:00PM December 15th.

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
ORGANIST	Johnson Philip
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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,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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.185

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: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-9, pg. 733
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36
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

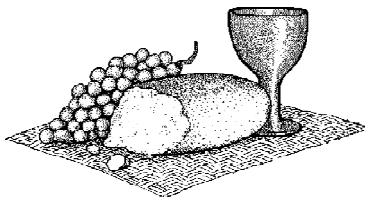
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Thanksgiving & 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
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 1 (Revised Lectionary)

ADVENT means "coming". The Advent season, highlighted by the four Sundays before Christmas, is a time of joyful anticipation because the Messiah is coming! In Advent we gladly look forward with a double hope: (1) we hope for Christ to come to be our Saviour (and that Coming we celebrate at Christmas), and (2) we hope for Christ's Coming Again at the end of time to be our Judge and to usher in his Kingdom.

The First Reading (Jeremiah 33: 14-16) contains an almost exact duplication of Jeremiah 23: 5-6. In explanation, scholars have speculated that Jeremiah's disciples, in a later age, repeated his original prophecy when it appeared not yet to have been fulfilled. Jeremiah was understood to have said that even though Jerusalem would fall (an event which occurred in 586 B.C.) the city would be marvelously restored under a new king, a true descendant of David. This did not happen right away, so the prophecy was later restated to encourage the people. Christians go further. They see the proper fulfillment of this prophecy, not in the restoration of Jerusalem (which happened in 520 B.C.), but in the Coming of Jesus Christ to be the "Lord of Righteousness", and to establish God's eternal and "righteous" Kingdom.

The Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13) expresses Paul's thanks for all the good things that had happened in the Thessalonian Church (although they were having their problems as well). Paul also prays that he might be allowed to return to them soon to help them mature in their faith. Christ is coming again, he says, and they should make ready for him by growing in love and holiness; and so should we.

The Gospel (Luke 21: 25-36) is from Jesus' "apocalyptic discourse" which Luke takes, in part, from Mark 13 (heard two weeks ago) and which, like Mark, he places right before the story of Jesus' Passion. Luke writes sometime about AD 85, and by that time some Christians had begun to grow weary in their faith. They had become badly disillusioned by the destruction of Jerusalem (by the Romans in AD 70) and they had begun to fall back into pagan ways. Luke reminds them (and us) that Jesus calls us to "be on guard" (v. 34) and to "watch and pray" for his Coming.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2009 – Advent 2

Advent 2 - pg. 269	Malachi 3: 1-4
Canticle 19	Philippians 1: 3-11
Luke 3: 1-6	
Reader: Alan Scott	Prayers: Andre Visscher

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! NOW WATCH FOR 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 coordinator 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.

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.

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.

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

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.