

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for The Church of South India (United) and The Most Revd John Wilson Gladstone, Moderator, Church of South India & Bishop of South Kerala

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene and their priest, The Rev. Coolridge Brooker

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Francis, Airdrie and their priest, The Rev. Gordon Jackson.

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 Matt, Joy, Jason, Phyllis, Vance, Anne, Eric and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar today have been given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for all He has given by Barry and Barbara Booth.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY August 15 - 21

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Resumes in the Fall
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm.
TUES.	6:30PM	Guides	Resumes in the Fall
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Resumes in the Fall
	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Resumes in the Fall
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	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. Next collection date mid- August.
4th Sunday	COOKIE Sunday – September 26 th
2nd Tuesday	Corporation meeting 7:00PM – August 10 th
3rd Tuesday	Vestry meeting 7:00PM – September 21 st

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

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
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

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The Prayer of the Community	(on front of bulletin)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 65:1-8 p. 785
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Gospel	Luke 12:49-56
Sermon	The Rev. Betty Vaughan

(A moment for silent reflection)

RESPONDING TO GOD

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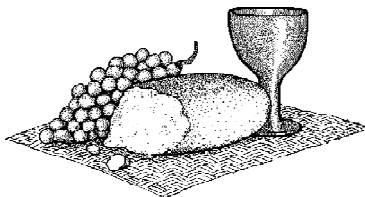
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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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 - Proper 20 (Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS stress the Christian challenge: Jesus does not offer us a "comfortable pew". Jeremiah reminds us that we have failed God. The letter to the Hebrews exhorts us to run the race and not falter. Jesus himself tells us that our Christian choices will be costly.

The First Reading (Isaiah 5: 1-7) is Isaiah's "Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard".

It is, of course, an allegory. The "vineyard" represents the people of Israel who were not producing the fruits of godliness. The poem is described as a "love-song" (v. 1). God loves his people. He has created the "vineyard" and has provided for all its needs. He looked for it to yield good grapes, but its grapes were "wild grapes" (v. 2). If this was a song sung at the time of the grape harvest, the people would understand that an unproductive vineyard deserves only to be abandoned and let run to ruin (vv. 5 & 6). Then comes the climax: the prophet reveals in his song that "the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel" (v. 7), and that God expected of them "justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry" of the oppressed (v. 7).

The Second Reading (Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2) brings this little essay on faith to its climax. It exhorts us to persevere in the Christian life and, despite every difficulty, to win the joy of salvation.

Christians are like runners who race in the arena (12: 1-2). The "cloud of witnesses" (v. 12: 1) are the faithful heroes of the past who once ran the race in their day setting us an example, but who now cheer us on. Still, our greatest example is Jesus who inspires us to forsake sin, to endure the cross, and to reign eternally with him.

The Gospel (Luke 12: 49-56) points to the crises which all Christians, sooner or later, have to face. Jesus here speaks of the "fire" of the ordeal of his Passion and Death, and of the agony of making right choices.

Jesus, at his Baptism, made a choice for God which ultimately led to his Cross. We who are Baptized have to choose, either for Jesus or against him.

The issue is critical: even families will be split over it. Choices in life are inevitable. We who are able to forecast the weather surely will understand that the Kingdom is coming, and that we must choose rightly if we are to be part of it.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Proper 21 p. 375	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Reader: Dorothy Kaethler	Prayers: Taiwo Mudasiru

NEWS 'N VIEWS

FAREWELL TO THE BEVERIDGE FAMILY

Please join us **Friday, August 27, 2010** at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall for a potluck lasagna dinner honouring Fr. Bryan and Rita Beveridge. There will be entertainment, fellowship and fun! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the back door.

SEEKING HOST FAMILIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – September, 2010 to February, 2011

This fall, 3 students from Brazil will be attending Centennial and Lord Beaverbrook High Schools to study English and experience Canadian culture. We are looking for warm, caring families in nearby communities to share their homes and host an international student for 5 months. If your family is interested in partaking in this unique cultural experience, please **contact Kristin at klindved@mliosl.com or call (403) 669-6221.**

You can also visit the Muskoka Language International website at **www.mliosl.com**

Compensation is provided.

HOLY NATIVITY SOCIAL CALENDAR

Sun. Sept 12 – Ministry Fair and Soup & Sandwich Lunch in the Hall following the 10 am service

Sat. Oct 30 – Fall Fair and Tea Room from 10 am – 3 pm

Fri. Nov 26 – Fall Supper with entertainment in the Hall at 6:30 pm

You are encouraged to bring along family and friends to all our social events!

COOKIE SUNDAY

My sincere thanks to all the ladies who baked cookies for me over the past two years. Cookie Sunday will resume in September and will be coordinated by Marylyn Bradshaw. I hope you will continue to support Marylyn as she continues this ministry.

Thank you,
Christina Power

FOR SALE

Fr Bryan has to sell his Mustang Convertible before his move out East. If anyone is interested please call Rita at (403) 254-0246

SCRAP AWAY RETREATS at Holy Nativity will be having its **GRAND OPENING** on Saturday Sept 11th. If you are into cardmaking or scrapbooking this is one event you will not want to miss! The day will include drinks, appetizers, games, and door prizes galore for both cardmakers and scrapbookers! To register call Shauna at 403-700-5590 ASAP as spots are filling up quickly.