

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 7, 2011

WEEKLY August 7 - 13

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| SUN. | 8:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Sanctuary |
| MON. | 8:00 p.m. | Fireside Group (AA) | Parish Hall |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Simply Serenity Al-Anon | Friendship Room |
| THURS. | 10:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer | Chapel |
| SAT. | 9:00 a.m. | Garden Clean Up | Front Lawn |

If you wish to use the church for a meeting, gathering or any other use, please call the office to determine availability and to book space. It is very limited during the week.



Welcome to Holy Nativity Anglican Church, Calgary

Our Mission: "To be God's people, demonstrating God's love"

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Welcome to Newcomers and Guests

Your presence is a blessing to us. Do join us after the service for coffee in the Friendship Room at the back of the church. You also will find a "Welcome" brochure and a flyer describing Anglican worship in the pew rack and in the narthex (lobby). Getting to know you would be a privilege, so, please, fill out a blue welcome card and return it to the priest or one of the sidespersons (ushers). Children are welcome to remain in the service. During the summer, a children's area has been set up at the rear of the sanctuary.

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8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Officiant: 8:00 a.m. Simpson Laing
10:00 a.m. Bob Mummery

Opening Hymn: # 606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Preparation

Officiant: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Officiant: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Officiant: We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Officiant: Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant: May the Father of all mercies Cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Officiant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on our prayers.

AGAPE: Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Friendship Room following the service.

Officiant: We give you thanks for ... Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

Offertory Hymn: # 371 To God Be The Glory

The Collects

Officiant: Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you

All: **Amen.**

Officiant: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Officiant: Blessed is the Lord,
All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy,

All: **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Officiant: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn: # 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Officiant: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Officiant: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Word of God

Psalm 66

All: **Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his name;
sing the glory of his praise..
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies
cringe before you.**

All the earth bows down before you, *
 sings to you, sings out your name”
 Come now and see the works of God, *
 how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
 He turned the sea into dry land,
 so that they went through the water on foot, *
 and there we rejoiced in him.
 In his might he rules for ever;
 his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
 let no rebel rise up against him.
 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

Hymn: # 384 Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
 The Apostles’ Creed

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Officiant: We pray for God's grace. Lord, receive our praise
 All: **and hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Lord God, through your grace we are your people: through your Son you
 have redeemed us; in your Spirit you have made us your own.

Officiant: We pray for ... (the Church) Make our hearts respond to your love. Lord,
 receive our praise

All: **and hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for ... (the world) Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the
 world. Lord, receive our praise

All: **and hear our prayer.**

Officiant: We pray for ... (the sick and those in need) Make our wills eager to obey,
 and our hands ready to heal. Lord, receive our praise

All: **and hear our prayer.**

To show mercy to our ancestors, “
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: “
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, “
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will
go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation “
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God “
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, “
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson: John 3:22–36

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. Now a discussion about purification arose between John’s disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, ‘Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.’ John answered, ‘No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, “I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.” He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.’ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God’s wrath.

The Sermon

Psalm 67

All:

**May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 13:1–22

Some time passed. David’s son Absalom had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar; and David’s son Amnon fell in love with her. Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her. But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of David’s brother Shimeah; and Jonadab was a very crafty man. He said to him, ‘O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?’ Amnon said to him, ‘I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.’ Jonadab said to him, ‘Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be ill; and when your father comes to see you, say to him, “Let my sister Tamar come and give me something to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, so that I may see it and eat it from her hand.”’ So Amnon lay down, and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, so that I may eat from her hand.’ Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, ‘Go to your brother Amnon’s house, and prepare food for him.’ So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house, where he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. Then she took the pan and set them out before him, but he refused to eat. Amnon said, ‘Send out everyone from me.’ So everyone went out from him. Then Amnon said to Tamar, ‘Bring the food into the chamber, so that I may eat from your hand.’ So Tamar took the cakes she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, ‘Come, lie

with me, my sister.’ She answered him, ‘No, my brother, do not force me; for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do anything so vile! As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the scoundrels in Israel. Now therefore, I beg you, speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.’ But he would not listen to her; and being stronger than she was, he forced her and lay with her. Then Amnon was seized with a very great loathing for her; indeed, his loathing was even greater than the lust he had felt for her. Amnon said to her, ‘Get out!’ But she said to him, ‘No, my brother; for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me.’ But he would not listen to her. He called the young man who served him and said, ‘Put this woman out of my presence, and bolt the door after her.’ (Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves; for this is how the virgin daughters of the king were clothed in earlier times.) So his servant put her out, and bolted the door after her. But Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore the long robe that she was wearing; she put her hand on her head, and went away, crying aloud as she went. Her brother Absalom said to her, ‘Has Amnon your brother been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother; do not take this to heart.’ So Tamar remained, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom’s house. When King David heard of all these things, he became very angry, but he would not punish his son Amnon, because he loved him, for he was his firstborn. But Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had raped his sister Tamar.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of God's Compassion: Psalm 103:8-18

All: **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.
For he knows of what we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are but as grass;
we flourish as a flower of the field;
For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,**

and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old

and endures for ever on those who fear him,

and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant

and remember his commandments to do them.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the

beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 15:1–13

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, ‘The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.’ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’; and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’; and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Canticle - The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) Luke 1:68-79

All: **Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel who has come to his people and set them free..**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, “
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old “
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**