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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN PREPARATION AND PRAISE

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GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Psalm 148:1-6, 13-14

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

First Lesson

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pew Bible p. 214

A reading from First Samuel.

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (*spoken*)

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WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
 The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible p. 958

A reading from Colossians.

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. [NRSV-A]

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Gradual Hymn "What Child Is This" CP 137

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest
 on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain *This, this is Christ the King,
 whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud
 the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

2 Why lies he in such mean estate,
 where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian fear: for sinners here
 the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

3 So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
 come peasant, king, to own him.
 The King of Kings salvation brings
 let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Text William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Tune GREENSLEEVES

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Pew Bible p. 833

A reading from Luke.

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. [NRSV-A]

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BENEDICTUS (Luke 1:68-79) (*spoken*)

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BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; / for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, / in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, / which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, / and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fore- fathers, / and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, / that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies / might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, / all the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people/ for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God; / whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Sermon Paul Desjardins

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Hymn for the Offering “Once in Royal David’s City” CP 123

THE CHURCH PRAYS AND INTERCEDES

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Closing Hymn “Good King Wenceslas” CP 145

Those serving for this church's worship and learning today:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Patterson & Patti Vaughan
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Ann Stone & Don Cormier
<i>First Reader</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Second Reader</i>	Wendy Maxwell
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Officiant
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Barry McQueen

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

We extend a warm welcome with much appreciation to Helen Gollings for playing the keyboard today in David's absence, and our thanks go to Paul Desjardins for officiating this morning while Fr Joyce has a Sunday off.

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Notes on Today's Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 After many years of barrenness, Hannah has been given a son by God. She has vowed that she will dedicate him to the service of the Lord, and accordingly has placed him under the tutelage of Eli, the priest of the temple at Shiloh.

Colossians 3:12-17 The author continues to describe the lifestyle which is expected of Christians. His readers, perhaps newly baptised, have "stripped off the old self and its practices" and "have clothed ... [themselves] with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator".

Luke 2:41-52 This is the only passage in the Bible that tells of Jesus' boyhood. Jewish men (and perhaps women and children) were expected to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Passover. Jesus continues to grow in many ways: he not only listens to experts in Jewish law, but even asks them questions. © 1996-2022 Chris Haslam

Next Sunday – January 5 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*
Scripture readings Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

NOTICES

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Melissa Spinney, December 30

Andrew Aalund, January 4

Rudolph Stephen, January 4

“Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism”

Holiday Office Hours:

Lori will be on vacation from December 30th until January 6th, and the office will reopen on Tuesday, January 7th at 9am.

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least \$ 200/month!

PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Lillian Atkins, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ruth Northeast, Elsie Rusling, Kay Upton.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Bea Conley, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Ann Hoben, David Maxwell, Pam Melanson, Gordon Morrell, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.