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January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to everyone gathered here today. Please make yourself known to the greeters.

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Milton and Rustico, PEI

 \sim The Rev'd Ralph Moore, Rector, and Bonnie Crapaud, PEI

~ The Rev'd Cathy Pharo, Priest-in-Charge, and Chris

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador ~ Bishop Samuel Rose

Council of the North

Diocese of Brandon – Rt. Rev. William Cliff

<u>DCS Cycle of Prayer</u> – St. Alban's, Souris

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside



January 28 – 4th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;

1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Readers: Grafton C, Jim E; Jim D, Doreen Childs;

Savannah M, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Doreen Cole, Doris M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HC

11 am – St. Thomas' HC 11 am – St. Stephen's MP

- **Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, January 17th at 9:30, at the Rectory and online. Please call the office and leave an email address if you would like to be added to the list to have readings and Zoom invite.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service: January 21, 10:30 am at Kensington United Church (storm date: Jan.28)
- **Deadlines for Annual Reports** and actual **Annual Meetings:** Annual Reports for St. Thomas' are due by January 17th and for the other churches by January 24th. Annual Meetings (all at 7 p.m.):
- St. Thomas' Monday, January 29 (alt. Mon., Feb. 5)
- St. Stephen's Thursday, February 8 (alt. Thurs., Feb.15)
- St. Mark's Monday, February 12 (alt. Mon., Feb. 19)
- St. Elizabeth's Tuesday, February 20 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 22)
- Parish Tuesday, February 27 (alt. Feb. 29) at St. Stephen's
- **St. Thomas' APP**, Anglican Powering Potential (formally ACW Anglican Church Women) will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall for our Annual Meeting. If anyone would like to attend for the social part you are welcome. We do a collection at our meetings, but there is no membership fee to attend any of our meetings or functions. All people within the Anglican Church are members. Any questions, please contact Doreen Cole at 902-886-2207.
- **St. Thomas'** will be hosting a **Valentine's Social** on Monday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. To help with arranging, could you please contact Amy McCarville 902-886-2424 if you are attending. All are welcome!

Happy New Year Everyone,

And a warm thank you to each of you for all your efforts over the Advent and Christmas Season regarding donations to Seafarers, Hillsborough, PCH, and for planning, participating, decorating, hosting, and more for each of our Church related events and Services.

A special thank you for the warm wishes, cards, and gifts you gave me and for the encouragement that afforded me the opportunity to get away and spend time with my own family over the holidays; including Dennis and Kim looking after Services, and Kim and Andrea looking after Lucy at the Rectory, and Leanne for taking Lucy for the weekend. Love to you all and warm wishes for a wonderful year to come.

**Revd Shirley*

COLLECT (p 349)

Almighty God,

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 350)

Living God,

you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.

May we hear his word and follow it,
and live as children of light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 350)

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Husband and Father

GORDON MILL

+January 27, 2017

"In my Father's house are many mansions"
the blessed Master said,
and to prepare this blessed place,
He journeyed on ahead.
Our loved one, too, has journeyed on,
and free from every care,
within God's many mansions,
is waiting for us there.

Always loved and remembered by Mary and family

A READING FROM 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."