

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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## December 29, 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.*

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#### Today's Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

#### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

As we come to the first Sunday of the New Year, we say special prayers for the Bishops of our Diocese, and their families:

- ~ Bishop Sandra, and Jim
- ~ Retired Archbishop Ron, and Marianne
- ~ Retired Archdeacon Arthur, and Elizabeth
- ~ Retired Bishop Sue, and Bruce

#### Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land:

Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council

#### Council of the North

Diocese of Athabasca – Bishop David Greenwood

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Mary's, Summerside

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

## January 5 – The Epiphany of the Lord (white)

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Readers:** Grafton C, Jim E; Doreen C, Jean R; Martyn C, Barb C

**Prayers of the People:** Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

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#### PLEASE NOTE...

Rev. Shirley and Bonnie's office time will be modified over the holidays. Please call the office and leave a message

(902-836-3303) or email [nlparish@eastlink.ca](mailto:nlparish@eastlink.ca). Thank you!

Deadline for January 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin = January 2.

**St. Thomas' APP** are planning on having a meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

St. Thomas' will be hosting a **Valentine Party** on Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome!

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#### A READING FROM 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home. And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

#### A READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 2:41-52**

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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### **A Simple Service of Holy Communion**

**Looking Back as We Look Ahead – December 29, 2024**

#### **The Greeting**

#### **Opening Hymn**

#### **Opening Sentence**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. ~ *Colossians 3:15-16*

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word.  
Move among us that we may behold your glory.  
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you. **Amen**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.  
**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The Collect for the Day (page 276)**

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Readings**

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gradual Hymn

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon – Welcoming Thomas Haslam to speak on early Church History

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Litany 13, Incarnation (page 120)**

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel,  
hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi,  
hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph  
of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

## **The Peace**

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

## Offertory Hymn

### Prayer Over the Gifts (page 277)

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.  
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.** In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.** With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Lord's Prayer (*responsive*)

L: I cannot say, "Our"

**P: if my religion has no room for other people and their needs.**

L: I cannot say, "Our creator"

**P: if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily life.**

L: I cannot say, "Who art in heaven"

**P: if all my interests and pursuits are earthly things.**

L: I cannot say, "Hallowed be thy name"

**P: if I, who am called by God's name, am not holy.**

L: I cannot say, "Thy Kingdom come"

**P: if I am unwilling to give up my sovereignty and accept the reign of God.**

L: I cannot say, "Thy will be done"

**P: if I am unwilling and resentful of having God in my life.**

L: I cannot say, "On earth as it is in heaven"

**P: unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service.**

L: I cannot say, "Give us this day our daily bread"

**P: without expending honest effort for it or while ignoring the needs of our neighbours.**

L: I cannot say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"

**P: if I continue to harbour a grudge against anyone.**

L: I cannot say, "Lead us not into temptation"

**P: if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.**

L: I cannot say, "Deliver us from evil"

**P: if I am not prepared to fight against injustices and evil with prayer and action.**

L: I cannot say, "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever"

**P: if I do not give disciplined obedience; if I fear what neighbours and friends may say or do; if I seek my own glory first.**

L: I cannot say, "Amen"

**All: unless I can honestly say also, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."**

**Breaking of the Bread**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people, Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Giving of Communion****Prayer after Communion**

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of  
divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Blessing**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

**Closing Hymn**

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