



Parish of the Ascension Chimes



January 7, 2018 Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord

Lections for 11:00 a.m.

Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11; Psalm 29 (**Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**)

Lections for 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage

11:00 a.m. Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Presider: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows

Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage

Readers: Baptismal Families

Gift Bearers: Baptismal Families

Hymns (CP): 560; 45; 162; 163 & 42; 377

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer (WWE)

Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows

Hymns (Hymnal): 90; 748; 97

Ascension Café will resume next Sunday, January 14 at the usual time.

"A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3.17

Weekly Word

In these first days of January we are flickering between seasons and between activities faster than the flickering of a candle, or the blinking of Christmas lights. Since the Feast of the Incarnation, we have heard the stories of Stephen, Innocents, Simeon and Anna. Now this week we jump to The Magi, and to John the Baptist with the Baptism of Jesus.

After a long time of waiting, all of a sudden the Scriptures seem to be speeding by, as do the hours and days of Christmastide and Epiphany.

Soon children and teachers will be back in school, sales will be over, and the hard slogging of winter will be beginning. Lights once joyous will be extinguished, and still we are called to hold the joy and the presence of both incarnation and epiphany in our hearts and in our lives.

Be with us, O God; help us to navigate these days. Be present in the spinning of the calendar and the spinning of the clock.

Sunday morning, I ask your prayers for the Baptized, their families and friends, for the entire community of faith as it celebrates the Baptism of Jesus.

Sunday during the day, I ask your prayers for the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A., as the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has traveled to the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Diocese of the Virgin Islands, to provide support and care for those still recovering from this past summer's hurricanes. He is responding in an incarnational way to those in need.

Sunday evening, I ask your prayers for those of us who will gather to observe and remember the story of the Epiphany – of Magi coming to meet the child Jesus, and to offer gifts, revealing Jesus to the world.

Gladly we come together (Yvonne Morland, © the Iona Community)

*Gladly, O God, we come together,
Here in this place,
To seek your deeper presence in the silence.*

*We bring before you
our wounds and our weariness
from the journey.*

*Together we look
with hopeful expectation
to find the star*

which signals your arrival.

*Thankfully, we come forward
to kneel and to receive
the glory of your presence.*

*With our little gifts
we are humbled before you.*

*And we find among the straw,
in the misty breath of the animals,
that you have come more humanly
than we could imagine.*

*God bless.
Happy Incarnation,
Happy Baptism,
and Happy Epiphany.*

David

Youth Group On Friday, January 12, at 7 p.m. the youth, ages 12 and up are invited to come and plan upcoming activities, talk about CLAY, enjoy food and fellowship until 9pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Choir practice will resume this Wednesday, January 10th at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

Junior Choir will resume on Wednesday January 24th at 6 p.m. Youth 8 years and older are welcome to join

Confirmation Class will take place next Sunday, January 14th from 2 – 4 p.m. in the church and multipurpose room.



We welcome the newly baptized

Zachary Donald Harold Rodgers

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

CLAY-Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth

CLAY is an incredible gathering of Anglican and Lutheran youth from across Canada. The Gathering takes place every two years at different locations across Canada. **Our Gathering in 2018 will take place in Thunder Bay, Ontario, from August 15-19!** At CLAY we'll encounter scripture in meaningful ways, experience ancient and modern ways of worship, learn together in special interest forums, enjoy fantastic social events, explore Charlottetown, make connections with youth from all over Canada and celebrate our life together. This is a youth-centered program that empowers youth and develops leadership. Not only will we have an extraordinary time at CLAY, we will share what we experienced and learned with others in our home communities.

Who can come to CLAY? The Gathering is designed for youth participants who will be ages 14 – 19 in 2018 (born between 1999 and 2004). With the endorsement of their Home Team Leader and their local congregation, and with the permission of the CLAY REGISTRAR, youth are age 13 (born in 2005) may be permitted to attend the gathering. Home Team Leaders intending to register a 13 year old should contact the Registrar prior to submitting the application. To come to the Gathering, you must be part of a **Registered Home Team**, pay the registration fee, and meet the age criteria.

What does the Registration Fee cover? Your registration fee covers the cost of lunch, dinner, accommodation and the program and events at the gathering. You need to cover the cost of the on-site travel. That is usually arranged with your home team and is relatively inexpensive to share those costs between the whole Home Team. Fundraising is another great way to bring costs down. If you are interested in attending please call Rev. Lynn 682-8500.

Opening Responses

Mountains and rivers
Islands and oceans
GIVE GOD GLORY

Children and lovers
Rulers and nations
GIVE GOD GLORY

All who live
All who breathe
GIVE GOD GLORY

Closing Responses

Exciting God
Glorious God
BAPTISED US WITH WONDER

Wise God
Righteous God
BAPTISE US WITH JUSTICE

Holy God
Covenant God
BAPTISE US WITH LOVE

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Cy, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jeff, Jennifer, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Jill, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Mark, Mary, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Stan, Stephen, Todd, Terry and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died.
Rest eternal grant to them, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter.
Amen.

| Services During the Week: | Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday) | |
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| Wednesday January 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday, January 14 Epiphany II | 8:30 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (BAS) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer (BCP) |

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