

WELCOME TO  
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
22 January 2023, Third Sunday after the Epiphany

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Prelude & Welcome*

***Opening Hymn: The People Who in Darkness Sat #156***

CELEBRANT: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God,

**ALL: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

*Glory to God*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Collect of the Day*

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

**ALL: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4, Julia Boberg reading

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. The word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 27:1, 5-13*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:10-18, Gregor Kokorz reading

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. The word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: To God be the Glory #371*

The Gospel Reading

Pat Kirkland: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

Pat Kirkland: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

**PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout

Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Pat Kirkland: The Gospel of Christ.

**PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY: Lynne Reckhow

*Music for Reflection*

*The Apostles' Creed*

CELEBRANT: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**ALL: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
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, KATHY TOOGOOD LEADING

*Confession and Absolution*

CELEBRANT: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

*The Peace*

CELEBRANT: The joy of the Lord be your strength, the love of the Lord your peace; and the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*(We greet one another in the name of the Lord by waving.)*

*Offertory Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #384*

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*Prayer Over the Gifts*

**ALL: Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. . . . Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise. . . . All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and for ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

CELEBRANT: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

CELEBRANT: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this by crossing your arms over the chest.*

*Please feel welcome to use this prayer if you are joining worship online: My Jesus, I believe that you offer yourself to us in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you and desire to receive you into my soul. Since at this moment I cannot receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, believing you are already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separate from you. Amen.*

### *Agnus Dei, Common Praise #747*

**ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*Music during Communion*

*Hymn after Communion: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People #100*

*Prayer after Communion*

CELEBRANT: Gracious God,

**ALL: our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Glory to God

**ALL: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Blessing*

CELEBRANT: The almighty Father be your strength; the gracious Lord be your support, and the generous Spirit protect you. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. And may you always know how beautiful and beloved you are in God's sight.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Final Hymn: O Love How Deep How Broad How High #628*

*Dismissal*

CELEBRANT: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Sing 3 times:*

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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*Postlude*

**Thank you to everyone who assisted in worship today.**

### **Prayers**

**In our prayers, we remember those in need:** Jane, Greta, Heather, Leanne, Mike, Richard, Lorne, Ava, Grace, Sharon, Danielle, Roger, Stephanie, Beth, Margaret, Ryan, John, Marysia and Ann Marie.

**In our world:** Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop. The clergy on a leave of absence in the Diocese of Edmonton and the Interim Ministry Team. Buyé Diocese, Kibonde Parish: Alexis Nzoyisaba, Rector. Whitefish Lake First Nation.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music and Scriptural Reflection 7:30pm on Saturday Jan 28:** Join local musicians Paul, Mark, Tim, Aaron, & Jordan in an event that will mix instrumental music, hymns, and reflection on a scripture passage. This event is taking place at St. Augustine's Anglican Church at 6110 Fulton Road.

**Choral Music Performance 3:00pm on Sunday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>:** Shawn Grenke is currently completing his Phd in Choral Studies at the U of A, and you are welcome to attend his concert recital on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Convocation Hall, titled "Beauty and Light". This performance will feature a variety of choral works and poetry reading.

### **Serving our Neighbours**


**Student Meal on Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm:** You are warmly welcomed to come and help with setting up and helping out with our first student supper of 2023! We are partnering with the Riverview Rotary Club in providing a free supper in our church hall for those who can use a meal and community within our university neighbourhood. Please speak to Rev. Maddie or Lindsay Robinson at [Lindsay.c.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsay.c.robinson@gmail.com) for more information.

**Prayerworks Friday Dinner:** St. George's will be cooking the Prayerworks supper at St. Faith's on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm-4:30pm. We have a smaller team than usual and your help is gratefully received for this date! Please speak to Rev. Maddie if you can help.

**ICPM lunch at the Bissel Centre:** Our turn to provide lunch to those in the urban core is coming up on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>. ICPM is continuing to serve a take out lunch for the community. If you can help with bagging lunch items on Saturday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at the church, please speak to Vicki Strang at [vickistrang@gmail.com](mailto:vickistrang@gmail.com).



**Annual General Meeting:** Our AGM will be held on Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> following our service. This meeting will be in person and online. More information will follow.




# OUTREACH

PrayerWorks provides hot meals, and other supports for those in the Alberta Avenue neighbourhood of Edmonton who face various forms of marginalization. PrayerWorks operates out of one of our sister parishes, St. Faith's.

St. George's supports the ministry of PrayerWorks in a couple different ways:

<u>Preparing Community Lunches</u>	<u>Preparing Community Suppers</u>
<p><b>When:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month 8:30 am – 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Who:</b> We need 5 volunteers</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Vicki Strang (780) 719-6011 <a href="mailto:vickistrang@gmail.com">vickistrang@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>When:</b> Once every two months</p> <p><b>Who:</b> We need 5 volunteers</p> <p><b>How:</b> St. Georges supports the supper with a \$400 donation each time</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Lindsay Robinson <a href="mailto:lindsay.c.robinson@gmail.com">lindsay.c.robinson@gmail.com</a></p>



## PrayerWORKS Common

### Online Giving & E-Transfers

Regarding the financial life of our community, for those among us asking about e-transfers as a way to give: our e-transfer email address is [stgeorgeedmonton@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeedmonton@gmail.com)

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