

# The Anglican Parish of French Village

*The Birth of John the Baptist*

*June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

***Service of Holy Eucharist according to the Rite of the Book of Alternative Services***

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***Processional Hymn #11 ..... Blessed Be the God of Israel***

***The Gathering of the Community***

***The Collect of the Day***

*Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son 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 .....page 187***

***1<sup>st</sup> Reading***

***A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 40.1-11***

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.*

***The word of the Lord***

***Thanks be to God***

***Psalms #85.7-13***



Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

*Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.*

***Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

***Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.***

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

*The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*A Reading from the Book of Acts 13.14b–26*

*On the sabbath day Paul and his company went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.” So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: “You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.’ My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.”*

*The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

**Gradual Hymn#283** ..... *By All Your Saints Still Striving*  
**Gospel**

*The Lord be with you  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke 1.57–80  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

*Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the*

*mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.*

***The Gospel of Christ  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

***The Sermon***

***Creed***.....page 188 or 189

***Prayers of the People***.....Litanies begin at page 110

***Confession and Absolution***.....page 191

***The Peace***

***Offertory Hymn #270*** ..... *Lamb of God to Thee We Raise*

***Prayer over the Gifts***

*God of our salvation, accept all we offer you this day, and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

***- The Celebration of the Eucharist-***

***Eucharistic Prayers***

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***Lord’s Prayer***.....page 211

***Lamb of God***.....page 226

***Communion Hymns #108*** ..... *Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding*

#5 ..... *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

***Post Communion Hymn #102*** ..... *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

***Prayer after Communion*** .....page 214

*We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

***Recessional Hymn#320*** ..... *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*



***Please Pray For***

***In Our Diocese:***

*Retired Clergy of Chebucto Region: The Reverends:*

*Carson Baxter Canon David Boston Kerry Bourke*

*Jane Clattenburg Dr. Davena Davis Peter Harris*

*Canon Carolyn Tomlin and John Randal Johnston*

*Canon Rod Gillis and Wendy James Purchase*

*Ronald Harris and Gwyneth John Swain*

*Canon Fred Krieger and Janet Mary Wilkie and Raymond*

*Irving Letto and Maizie Don Shipton and Corinne Steele  
The Most Reverend Arthur G. Peters and Elizabeth  
Canon John Smith and Greg Dennis Walsh and Maureen  
On Leave:*

*The Reverend Christopher Snook, and Barb Swanson*

*Clergy Widows: Mrs. Marian Andrews*

*Mrs. Gwen Richard Mrs. Lillian Miller Mrs. Barbara Ellis*

*Mrs. Kaye Pottie Mrs. Mary Kirby Mrs. Christine Brush*

*Mrs. Sandra Relf Mrs. Verna Dowding Smith*

***In Our Parish:***

*Family Prayer Cycle:*

*Judy Lugar and Rexanne Lugar and family (St.G)*

*Adeline MacDonald (St.M)*

*Keith and Wendy Manuel and family (St.J)*

*Robert and Karen Manuel (St.J)*

*Wayne and Elsie Manuel (St.P)*

*The sick, especially:*

*Terry Boutilier, Marlene Crawford, Ken Godwin, John Gray, Linsey Hubley, Rita Langille, Robert Manuel,  
Hunter Marsden, Cyril Marsters, Jennifer McGrady, Rhoda Tupper, Carol Ann Whitman, Shelley Whitman  
and Krista Zinck.*

***In Buena Vista:*** *Father Frans VanderHoff and the people in that community.*