The Anglican Parish of French Village

The Second Sunday in Advent December 9th, 2018 Service of Holy Communion according to the Rite of the Book of Common Prayer

Processional Hymn#103	On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry
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Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Lesson A Reading from Book of Malachi 3:1–4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight —indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Canticle 19: The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68–79)



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel.

2nd Lesson A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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Gradual Hymn #443 How Beauteous Are Their Feet Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1–6 Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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> The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ

The Nicene Creed	
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Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Gloria and Blessing	page 86
Recessional Hymn #111	Sound the Note of Judgement

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Please Pray For

In Our Diocese:

Springhill, Nova Scotia The Reverend Dr. Brian Spence All Saints, Springhill St. Alban's, River Hebert Lantz, Nova Scotia The Reverend Canon David Fletcher and Kathy Christ Church, Lantz St. George's, Dutch Settlement

In Our Parish:

Family Prayer Cycle: Recommences in 2019
The sick, especially: Terry Boutilier, Leon Dexter, John Gray, Linsey Hubley, Rita Langille, Patricia Legg, Robert Manuel, Hunter Marsden, Cyril Marsters, Jennifer McGrady, Tracey New, Margie Spicer, Carol Ann Whitman, Krista Zinc and Jim Zwicker.
The repose of the souls of: Juanita Kenny and for those bereaved, son Dwight, grandchildren Jake and Kyra, daughter-in-law Angela Dobson, other family and friends, Wally Roseveare and for those bereaved, daughter Debbie Bright, grandchildren Shannon and Meaghan, son-in-law Brian, other family and friends, Stanley Mac Martin and for his bereaved family and friends.

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