

The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 3, 2016

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Book of Alternative Services

Processional Hymn: # 118

The gathering of the community

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Glory to God # 691

Collect of the Day (stand)

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Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14

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Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

Gospel Acclamation # 712

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon:

The Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution (Stand or Kneel)

Offertory Hymn: # 159

Prayer over the Gifts (celebrant)

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Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus: # 735

The Lord's Prayer (wording found in the first prayer)

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Agnus Dei: # 701

All baptized Christians may receive the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Hymn # 63 (sung by the choir only)

Ablutions Hymn # 161

Prayer after Communion (Stand)

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Doxology

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Benediction

Recessional Hymn: # 143

Announcements

Our Ministers for today:

Greeter: Jim Bolt

Readers: Maureen Colpitts, Elizabeth Whalley

Prayers of the People: Linda Rintamaki

Servers: Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistant: Erminie Reid

Chancel Guild: Marg Boone, Irene Roy

Coffee hosts: Dale & Sharon Sparkes

Food Cupboard: Closed.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: your prayers are asked for Yewa (formerly, Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) and The Rt. Rev. Michael Adebayo Oluwarhunbi.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Director Eileen Scully and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry and Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice and Leadership.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. James', Goulais River and The Ven. William Stadnyk.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Anne Zale, Violet Aber, Bruce & Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, and Brad Anderson.

Next Sunday - The Baptism of the Lord

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14 - 17

Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

Parish Statistics (last week):

8:30: 18

10:30: 22

Total: 40

Parochial: EOP: \$1336.43 Givings: \$815.00 Total: \$2151.43

Christmas offerings: \$1355.00

Required to meet our budget: \$3070.00 per week

Becoming the Story We Tell - from the Diocese of Algoma

Imagine your congregation re-entering the deep drama of the gospel through liturgy, scripture study, and reflection! Imagine the whole community gathering at Easter with a renewed gratitude for the connection between baptism and our annual immersion in the story of Christ's passion! Imagine this renewal spilling over into joy in mission and outreach!

In his column in the December edition of the *Algoma Anglican*, Bishop Stephen expressed his deep conviction the "our Church will discover untapped resources when we become what we believe we are." Therefore, as follow up on the fall's successful "Lift Up Your Hearts" initiative, he encouraged us to go "deeper into our discipleship" by using a resource called "Becoming the Story We Tell."

"Becoming the Story We Tell" is a resource developed for the Anglican Church of Canada, at the Primate's request, for use in Lent and Easter. It draws on the lectionary, the baptismal covenant, and our authorized liturgical rites, and it can be easily adapted to your congregation needs.

Gatherings are being held throughout the Diocese in January for a one-day deep-dive into this material.

All clergy, lay readers, musicians, and any other leaders in liturgy of Christian education are invited to attend the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore event at St. Thomas' Church on Fri. Jan 15 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Coffee available @ 9:30a.m.)

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church by Jan. 10 if you are interested in attending so we can notify St. Thomas' Church prior to the event of the numbers coming from our church so appropriate lunch arrangements can be made.

The Re. Canon Dr. John Hill, the leader of the team who created this resource, will be present to co-lead some of these events.

Any questions can be directed to Jay Koyle at 705-256-5061, ext. 22 or @ congdevelopment@dioceseofalgoma.com

The Becoming the Story We Tell resource is available @ <http://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/becoming/>

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tues. Jan. 5

7 p.m.

St. John's/St. Luke's board meeting at St. John's

Fri. Jan. 8

9:30 a.m.

Remove church decorations

10 a.m.

Craft Group

PARISH NEWS

Food Cupboard Lunch - will be held next Sunday, January 10 following the worship service. All are welcome. Freewill offering in support of our St. John's Food Cupboard.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

The Anglican - Evangelical Lutheran Group will be meeting on Wed. Jan. 13 at the Scandinavian Home - 9 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. meeting. The guest will be Sydney Ventura, our 2015 Bursary recipient from Sir Winston Churchill C.V.I. Sydney also received the Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program Certificate of Achievement and continues his studies in the Confederation College Business program. All are welcome!

Mother's Union - meeting will be on Tues. Jan 5 at 7 p.m. in Haddon Hall at St. Thomas' Church. All are welcome!

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Introduction to the first reading:

Darius, King of Persia, has permitted the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem. The prophet tells the people to arise, for joy, prosperity and salvation are now in the city; God is with them; they will reflect the presence and power of God.

Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14 found on page 797.

Introduction to the second reading:

It is part of God's plan that both Jews and Gentiles are called to share in Christ's saving activity. This is the "mystery of Christ". Paul's insistence on Gentiles being full and equal members of the church has led to his imprisonment.

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.**