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Third Sunday

After Epiphany

January 22nd, 2017

CHRIST CHURCH
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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Collect of the Day

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. (9: 1-4)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **27** (vs. 1, 5-13) p. 735

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-18)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**GRADUAL HYMN #19 CC Song Book “Lord, I Lift
Your Name On High”**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew. (4: 12-23)

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

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN 368 “He Came Down”

SERMON

HYMN #11 CC Song Book “Here I Am Lord”

The Creed

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The Intercessions

*The prophecies of Isaiah are fulfilled in a new and
lasting way in Jesus of Nazareth.*

Let us pray to the loving God we have seen in Jesus.

We pray that the light of God will shine in all the dark corners of the Church, and set us free from prejudice, small-mindedness and hypocrisy; that as members of the Body of Christ we can move freely through the power of God wherever we are called to go, available and active in God's service.

Lord God of power:
set us free to live.

We pray that our world may be lit by this light in the darkness to bring freedom and hope wherever there is oppression, recognition and respect where there is none, and in all conflicts positive ways forward.

Lord God of power:
set us free to live.

We pray that in our homes, our workplaces and our neighbourhoods the light of godly loving may soften harsh edges, encourage mutual caring, and heal dysfunctional or damaging relationships.

Lord God of power:
set us free to live.

We pray that all those whose lives are fettered the past, by rejection, guilt, pain or anxiety, may be set free and encouraged to live to the full.

Lord God of power:
set us free to live.

We pray for those who have died, and those who miss them and are finding it very hard to cope with their loss. We pray for all those who have no one to help them through that last journey.

Lord God of power:
set us free to live.

Thank you, Father, for transforming our suffering and our mistakes again and again and again.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY HYMN 430 “Will You Come & Follow
Me”**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread #2

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The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Communion

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Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

61 “As We Gather”

59 “Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him”

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, 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.**

Blessing and Dismissal

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CLOSING HYMN 600 “You Call Us Out to Praise You”

TODAY

St. Monica’s ACW meeting following the 11:00 a.m. service in the multipurpose room.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 25th

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, January 26th

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

Sunday, January 29th

8:30 a.m.- Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Parish Breakfast
10:00 a.m.- Sunday School, Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m.- Holy Eucharist

Annual General Meeting - February 26

Reports are now due. Please forward to Natasha at your earliest convenience.

Parish Breakfast

Please join us Sunday, January 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the Christ Church Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Sunday, January 29th at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity St. Stephen's United Church, Amherst. A service of song and scripture. Everyone welcome.

Celebration of New Ministry!

We will be celebrating Rev. Will's new ministry among us on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 pm. Please plan on joining us for this joyful service of new beginnings!

EMERGE Young Adult Retreat

The Diocese is hosting a retreat for young adults (finished high school and at least 18 by February 2016) February 17-19. The retreat will be held at the beautiful Windhorse Farm retreat center at Wentzells Lake. This is a retreat with a flexible schedule, so that conversation can flow. There are no speakers or expected outcomes, just time and space to be. We will talk and hang out, cook and eat our meals together, spend time in worship, play games and go outside and explore. The fee is \$60 and bursaries are available through the diocese. For more info and registration go to www.tinyurl.com/NSPEIemerge

Drawing Class with Shirley Hallee

A class for those who are beginners in drawing or for those who have some drawing experience, but would like more information in techniques and composition. Classes will begin on Tuesday, February 6th from 10:00 am - 11:30 am at First Baptist Church (February 13th, February 20th, February 27th). Cost is \$65.00 per person. All funds will be donated to the

“Restoration Fund” for First Baptist Church (Amherst). Students would bring a HB 3B pencil and a 2H pencil, kneadable eraser or a gum eraser, and a sketch book (9x12 is suggested). Class size is limited to 12 people. If you are interested, please phone the church office (902) 667-2001.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Milton and Rustico, Prince Edward Island

- The Rev. Ralph Moore and Bonnie
- The Rev. Ken Williams, Assistant Priest and Norma Jean

Crapaud, Prince Edward Island

- The Rev. Margaret Collins, Priest-in-Charge

New London, Prince Edward Island

- The Rev. Margaret Fagan and Darroch
- The Rev. Shirley Cole-McFadden, Assistant Priest

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Diocese of Quebec

- Bishop Dennis Drainville and Co-adjutor Bishop Bruce Myers