

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Church in the World: We pray for The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya, Zululand, Southern Africa.

Diocese of Ottawa: We pray for John, our Bishop, and for Pat, our Priest and St Thomas', Stittsville, The Rev. Jane McCaig; for all the Archdeacons of the Diocese and for the New Year's Levee.

Our Mission Partners: We pray for the Lanark County Food Bank.

Our Local Community: We pray for the leaders and the development of the local hospice initiative and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being.

In Our Parish: We pray for comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, Kathy Aird and, Bessie Exley. We pray for our sponsorship family: Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias as they settle into life in Canada. We give thanks for the life and witness of Robbie Anderson and we pray for her family and friends.

In Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Helen Gilhooly, Wayne & Lynn Guthrie, Sarah & Richard Hall and Arlo, Getson & Griffin.

For the Whole Human Family that we may learn to live together in justice and peace. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, thinking especially of the people seeking refuge from war and persecution and we remember the victims of terrorism around the world. We pray for all those whose lives are impacted by social unrest, disaster & poverty.

Prayer for St. Paul's: Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself. Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them into your name. Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-14 Matthew 2: 1-12

Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church

*The Right Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of
Ottawa*

The Rev. Canon Pat Martin, Rector

**New Year's Service of Intentions
with Iona Eucharist
December 31 2017**



Greeters: Irene Emig and Richard Evans
Readers; Deane Zeeman and Anne Winters
Intercessor; Dan Berg
Server / Chalice: Bob Bassett
Music Leader: Wendy Shaw **Piano:** Dan Berg

GATHERING SONG: *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

Opening Responses:

C: In the beginning, when it was very dark God said,
'Let there be light'

All: **And there was light.**

C: In the beginning, when it was very quiet,
the word was with God

All: **And what God was, the Word was.**

C: When the time was right- God sent the Son.

All: **He came among us, He was one of us.**

OPENING HYMN 143 *Angels from the Realms: Vs 1, 4-5*

Call to Prayer

C: We gather in God's name

All: **We claim Christ's promised presence.**

C: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer

Prayer of Confession and Restoration

C: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul behind all souls, in everything we touch,
in everyone we touch, in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks .

But when we have not touched but trample you in creation,
when we have not met but missed you in one another,
when we have not received but rejected you in the
poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

All: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.**

C: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who
are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives:
Your sins are forgiven, Go in peace; Come and follow me.

Invitation: All who hunger and thirst for a better life,
for a deeper faith, for a better world,
here is the bread of life;
feed on it with gratitude
here is the cup of salvation
drink from it and believe.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion:

Communion Hymn: *137 What Child is This?*

The Peace: The angels said it to the startled shepherds
And Jesus said it to the frightened followers.
And now these words which come from heaven
are shared to make us whole and make us one;

All: Peace be with you
and also with you.

Blessing: May God be a bright flame before you,
Be a guiding star above you,
Be a smooth path below you,
Be a kindly shepherd behind you,
Today, tomorrow and for ever Amen.

Closing Song: *I Am the Light of the Word...*

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

C; Yes, blessed is he ...
Who was born among us incognito,
Who grew up without privilege or status,
Who walked the way to heaven
Through the back streets of the world.
Who told the deepest truths
In ordinary language,
Who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed
Without fear or favour,
Who showed inclusive love
In all its unconditional glory;
Who, for all of this, was crucified, died, and was buried,
Who, for all this and all of us, rose again'
Who, through high heaven,
Is present with us here and now.
Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.
God beyond holiness,
As we do what Jesus once did,
Let your Spirit move among us
To settle on this bread and wine
That they become for us the body and blood of Christ.
And let that same Spirit stir our souls
So that as we share this sacrament,
We may recognize our Lord and receive him
That he may be in us and we in him for ever. **Amen**

C; Among friends, gathered round a table,
Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it he broke it
and said, *Take this and eat it. It is my body.*
It is given for you. Do this to remember me.
Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine,
And when he had given thanks, he said,
In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible
because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.

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Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by
living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the
whole earth cries Glory! through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All:**
Amen.

Reading

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves to hear the word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Reader: A reading from... *reading ... pause ...*

Reader Hear the Spirit speak to the church today.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Leader: Let us greet the gospel of Christ by standing to
sing...

HYMN: 146 *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Reader: A reading from... *reading ... pause*

Reader: Hear the Spirit speak to the church today.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Intentions: *Following a time of song and silence you are invited to
light a candle as a symbol of your 2018 spiritual
intentions.*

SONG: *Create Us New*

An Affirmation of Faith

C: With the whole church

All: **We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the
Spirit.**

C: With people everywhere

All: **We affirm God's goodness at the heart of
humanity, planted more deeply than all that is
wrong.**

C: With all creation

All: **We celebrate the miracle and wonder of
life; the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the
world.**

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Prayers of Intercession –

Leader: It is in the mystery of communion with Christ that we pray for the church throughout the world, praying in particular for

We pray for the people of this diocese, praying especially for John our bishop and ...

We pray for the people of this parish, praying particularly for ...

We pray for the people of this town, particularly the leaders of Mississippi Mills ...

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed and the homeless, praying in particular for...

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for our healing, praying in particular for

And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world.

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And now we pray, in the words you have taught us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 forever. Amen.**

C: A follower of Jesus once wrote:
Think what kind of people you are whom God has called:
Not many are wise by human standards,
not many are powerful or of noble birth.
Yet, to shame the wise,
God has chosen what the world counts foolish; (3)

And to shame the strong, God has chosen what the world counts ad weak.

It is not for our virtue that we are here.

It is nor for who we are that we are called to this table.

It is only for one reason –That God wants us.

So, come, leaving behind the baggage of your self-importance or the burden of self-loathing.

How you feel, who you are, what you have done, at this moment does not matter.

There is a greater cause, There is a stronger voice,

It belongs to Jesus who, in bread and wine, says

I am here...for you.

Offertory Hymn: 427 All Beautiful the March of Days

The Great Prayer - A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Incarnation

C: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

C; Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

C; Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

C: It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the one to whom we will return.

You conceived the universe, wove the world together
And hold all life in your hand.

You watch us waking or sleeping,
You keep every tear that we shed,
You hear every prayer that we make,
You know both our best and our worst
And you will not us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine,
With all that moves in time with its Maker, We praise you.

With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago,
With our loved ones
Who are gathered round your heavenly table, We praise you

With the church throughout the world, Orthodox and Lutheran,
Catholic and Reformed,
with all who love Jesus and honour his name,

We praise you, Singing the hymn of your everlasting glory. (4)