

ARCHBISHOP DAVID EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

IN OUR WORLD THERE IS A SENSE THAT THE PLATES ARE SHIFTING. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF UNCERTAINTY, AND IT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE DAY AFTER DAY.

I AM WRITING THIS ON DEC. 18. OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN REGIME CHANGE IN SYRIA, A CYCLONE IN MAYOT AND OTHER AREAS, AN EARTHQUAKE IN VANUATU AND A SCHOOL SHOOTING IN THE USA.

THAT IS NOT TO MENTION THE ONGOING CONFLICTS IN UKRAINE, ISRAEL/GAZA, AND SUDAN.

TODAY IT IS WARM ENOUGH IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICTON TO WALK AROUND WITHOUT A COAT. THIS SUGGESTS THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE, THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON WITH OUR CLIMATE.

ALLIED TO THIS IS THE DIVIDE WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN MANY PEOPLE ON MANY ISSUES, AND THE INABILITY TO HEAR WHAT WE ARE SAYING TO EACH OTHER.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK, PEOPLE ARE TROUBLED BY THE RISE IN HOMELESSNESS, INCREASED ADDICTION, THE GREATER DEMANDS MADE ON FOOD BANKS AND THE STATE OF HEALTH CARE, TO NAME JUST SOME OF THE CONCERNS.

PEOPLE ARE ASKING, WHERE WILL THIS ALL END? ARE WE FACING A CHANGE OF THE AGES? WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE?

IN FIRST CENTURY PALESTINE AROUND THE TIME OF JESUS' BIRTH, THERE WAS A SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY. FOR AROUND 200 YEARS, MANY JEWS HAD BEEN WAITING FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH, GOD'S MESSENGER, WHO WOULD RELEASE THE PEOPLE FROM ROMAN RULE. IN FACT, WHEN JESUS WAS BORN AND THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, THINGS HAD ALMOST REACHED A CRESCENDO.

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT GOD INTERVENED, ALMOST UNNOTICED, WITH A BABY BORN IN A MANGER. THIS CHILD WAS THE PROMISE OF GOD — THE ONE WHO SHOWED, IN HIS BODY, THAT NO MATTER WHAT, GOD WAS ON THE SIDE OF CREATION.

THERE MIGHT BE WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS, BUT GOD HAD NOT LEFT US WITHOUT HOPE.

AS WE PASS THROUGH THESE TROUBLED TIMES, LET US NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE PROMISE — THE PROMISE WE RECALL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR: EMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US.

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

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SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



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SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2, 10, 11.

11:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♫♫PROCESSIONAL HYMN **746** Tempest Adeste Floridum

Introit Psalm 93 *page 450*

Collect for Purity, Summary of the Law: *page 67*

The Gloria: *page 8*

The Collects: *page 114, 104*

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62: 10-12

The Epistle Galatians 4: 1-7

♫♫GRADUAL HYMN **807** Herman

Gradual Psalm 110:1-4 *page 477*

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 1: 18-25

GOSPEL ALLELUIA *Lasst Uns Erfreuen 398*

The Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

♫♫OFFERTORY HYMN **79** Divinum Mysterium

The Intercessions: *Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy*

Ŕ. Hear our prayer

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

♫♫RECESSIONAL HYMN **81** Regent Square

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*PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

TUESDAY, DEC. 31: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1: OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS /
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, JAN. 2: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

FRIDAY, JAN. 3: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, JAN. 4: FERIA

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5: 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS &
EVE OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

(followed by a shared meal)

We acknowledge the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded and unsundered territory of Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet). This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Wolastoqey (Maliseet), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

