

### ACW Prayer

**All:** Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who didst send Thy Blessed Son into the world to become the Saviour of mankind, grant to us a deep sense of gratitude for Thy Grace and Mercy towards us. Enable us by Thy Spirit to reveal Thy Love in prayer and work and stewardship, So that Thy Salvation may become known to all peoples and Thy Name glorified throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer Partner Prayer

**All:** O Heavenly Father, we pray thee to bless and protect all workers at home and abroad, especially Nancy Stephens, our Prayer Partner. Keep them in peace and safety under the shadow of Thy Wing; guide and comfort them with Thy Holy Spirit, and enlighten and bless all those to whom they minister; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### ACW Hymn: *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

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| 1. The love of Jesus calls us<br>Our joyous praise to sing<br>Our deeply felt thanksgivings<br>We now together bring<br>For all God's many blessings<br>Unasked yet still received<br>And for the generations<br>Who faithfully believed.  | 3. The love of Jesus calls us<br>To go where he would go<br>To challenge all the limits<br>To change, to learn, to grow<br>To know that Christ has freed us<br>That prisons are no more<br>For those who seek his kingdom<br>Christ opens every door |
| 2. The love of Jesus calls us<br>That we may always be<br>Companions on a journey<br>Where all the world may see<br>That serving Christ is freedom<br>Which time does not destroy<br>Where Christ's command is duty<br>And every duty joy. | 4. The love of Jesus calls us<br>In swiftly changing ways<br>To be God's co-creators<br>In new and wondrous ways<br>That God with men and women<br>May so transform the earth<br>That love and peace and justice<br>May give God's Kingdom birth.    |

## Parish of Stanley ACW

## Diocese of Fredericton



Luke 5:4

## Launch Out Into the Deep

November 29, 2009  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual ACW Day  
95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Stanley

## Advent Sunday

**Morning Prayer: Psalm 9 /  
Isa. 1. 1-20. / Rev. 2. 1-17.**

### *Prayer during the Vacancy of a Pastoral Charge.*

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the needs of thy Church In every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Service of Holy Communion begins on page 67 in the maroon-coloured Prayer Books with the Lord's Prayer and the Collect for Purity.*

**Opening Hymn:** The Love of Jesus Calls Us (tune: 289)

**The Summary of the Law** *BCP, p. 69*

**Collect of the Day** *BCP, p. 95*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *Amen*

**The Epistle – Romans 13. 8.** *BCP, p. 95*

**The Gradual – Psalm 85. 4-7.** *BCP, p. 438*

Turn us, O God our Saviour, / and let thine anger cease from us.  
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? / and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?  
Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, / that thy people may rejoice in thee?  
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, / and grant us thy salvation.

**The Holy Gospel – St. Mathew 21. 1.** *BCP, p. 96*

**The Nicene Creed** *BCP, p. 71*

**The Sermon**

**Offertory Hymn:** On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry (66)

**Offertory Sentence** *BCP, p. 74*

**Biddings and Intercessions** *BCP, p. 75*

We pray today for Jack, Nancy, Helen, David, Marion, Merlin, and Tyler.

**Thanksgiving and Consecration** *BCP, p. 78*

### **The Holy Communion**

*All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and who receive Holy Communion in their own congregations, are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion in repentance and faith, discerning the Lord's Body.*

**Prayers after Communion** *BCP, p. 85*

**Closing Hymn:** O come, O come, Emmanuel (62)

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### **Advent 1 — Candle of Hope**

Reader: Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. It is also a time for us to work together for peace among the nations, and peace with each other. It is a time for us to walk in the light God gives us.

As part of our Advent waiting, we will light a candle in our Advent wreath to remind us of the hope this season brings. The round shape of the wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The green branches speak of new life. The candles remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus. Today, we light the first candle. The flickering flame reminds us that our hope is lived out in prayer and actions.

#### **The first purple candle is lit**

**All: Dear God, through your Spirit, you spoke to Mary and Joseph of a child who would bring new life to the world. Speak to each of us today, and fill us with Advent hope as we prepare to celebrate Jesus birth.**

*Light one candle for hope. One bright candle for hope. He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He comes!*