**8:30 a.m. Service - (BCP) Page 67**

The First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1–5*

Psalm: 122

Refrain: Was glad when they said to me

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36–44

***Collect***

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and

the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

***Prayer over the Gifts***

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion***

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. A**men**.

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**See Handout**

**Candle Lighting Hymn**

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.

He brings hope to every heart, He comes, He comes.

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**Gradual Hymn**

Stay awake, be ready. You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.

Stay awake, be ready. The Lord is coming soon. Alleluia! Alleluia!! The Lord is coming soon.

Change your lives. He’s coming! The one who is the light of the world is coming.

Change your lives. He’s coming! The reign of God is near. Alleluia! Alleluia! The reign of God is near.

Diocesan Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle

Rector: The Reverend Jolene Peters

Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox

Organist/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell

Parish Wardens: Sharon Smith and Randy Sparkes

Office Administrator: Madonna Scott

**Welcome to the Anglican Parish of**

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**Our Parish Mission Statement**

**We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey**

**Dear Friends:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we enter into a season of preparation as we await the opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth once again. This season is filled with hope, peace, joy and love and I invite you take time in this season to reflect and prepare you hearts to welcome the Christ child into your lives.

I pray that here in this place you find a place where you can belong, we are an inclusive church and believe that all should feel at home here. I am so glad that you are worshipping with us this day and I pray this service will offer you what you need for your spiritual journey. We are once again using Advent Liturgies that have been put together by The Reverend Dr. Boyd Morgan and I give thanks for his ministry to the church in this way.

Every Blessing,

Reverend Jolene

**PRAY for:** The mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion

**Tri-Diocesan Intercessions**

**Parish of Trinity/Port Rexton**

Rector- The Rev. Jim Beaton

**Parish of Twillingate**

Rector- The Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer

**Sunday Duties for Sunday, December 8th**

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| Sidespersons | Sound | Counting | Readers |
| Team 8 – Ken C. | Jim S. -Topsail | Ron S. | Team 7 – Valerie B. |

**Rector Away**

Please note that Reverend Jolene will be in Labrador from Dec 2-5 attending the Ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend Douglas Kean.

*The Holly Tea on Saturday, December 07 is sold out!*

**Altar Guild Meeting**

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Monday, December 9th @ 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

**ACW Meeting**

Tuesday, December 03 at 10.30 a.m.  Please note:  Will be held at Betty's house.

**Reverend Jolene’s Christmas Open House**

Reverend Jolene invites you to drop by her home on Monday, December 16th any time between 7 and 9:30pm. Please ask Reverend Jolene for address and directions.

**Candles in Memory Service**

Our annual candles in memory service will take place on Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. To light a candle or have a candle lit in memory of a loved one please call the parish office at 834-2336 or email jolenepeters1@gmail.com by Wednesday December 11th

**Children's Christmas Pageant**

This year we will be having a children's Christmas pageant called "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" on Sunday December 22 at 6:30pm. This will get us all in the Christmas Spirit and will be an event you will not want to miss. Parts will be given out on Sunday December 8th following the 10:30am service and practices will be Sunday December 15th following the 10:30am service and Saturday December 21 at 11am. This will be followed by a Children's Christmas Party. If your child (ren) are interested in participating please contact Reverend Jolene at jolenepeters1@gmail.com or Leanne Squire at leannesquire77@gmail.com

**2020 Envelopes**

Your 2020 contribution envelopes are now available in the back of the church. Please pick them up and if you see someone that you know that you can deliver please do so. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like to contribute financially to our parish in this way please email the office sjtetopsail@nfld.net or call 834-2336. A reminder that we also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To find out more about these options please call the office.

**Snow Clearing**

As parish finances no longer give us the ability to have a parish sexton we are in need of someone to clear the steps, ramps, office and hall doors and walkways of snow and ice. If you are willing or know of someone who can help us please get in touch with Reverend Jolene or the parish office as soon as possible as we really need to have this in place before the first snowfall is upon us.

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