

A Blessing from the Franciscan Community: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: I Vow to Thee, My Country, All Earthly Things Above (tune: Thaxted)

- 1 I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
- 2 And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace

The Dismissal

Let us go forth to love & serve the risen Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: **A Joyous Acclamation** (Gerald Peterson)
Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.
Greeter # 1 – Jim Nelson Greeter # 2- Ian MacDonald
Usher – Camille Herbin Counters – Mary & Murray Phillips

SERVICES FOR April 25th

8:00 am BCP Morning Prayer 10:00 am BAS A Service of the Word



The Flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Victor C. Harris, given by Vicki, Stephen, Lance and their families.

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

April 18th, 2021, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Interim Rector: *The Rev'd Nicole Uzans, Nicole.uzans@gmail.com*

Honourary Assistant: *The Rev'd Dr. V. Bruce Matthews*

Wardens: *Camille Herbin, 902-670-7593; Jim Nelson, 902-542-9295*

Director of Music and Organist: *Dr. Michelle Boyd m.e.boyd@gmail.com*

8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that it be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reader: Shirley Marston Usher – Rosemary Feener

Greeter # 1 - John Patterson Greeter # 2 - AnneMarie Patterson

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Guest Musician: Michaela Rafuse

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright** (Dale Wood)

Welcome and Introductory Responses

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Blessèd are you, Lord our God, redeemer and king of all; to you be glory and praise for ever! From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world, and in your great love, fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May we, the first-fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made; may Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **Blessèd be God for ever!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed.

People: **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn:

#216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Confession & Absolution

Hear these words of scripture: "Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God." As we turn our hearts and minds to worship, let us remember our need for God's forgiveness. *Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word,

1st Reading: Acts 3:12-19, Jim Nelson

Psalm 4 Led by Jim Nelson

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful and will hear me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-7, Denyse Nelson

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48, Denyse Nelson

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People: MaryEllen Finlay

The Collect of the Day: Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: Let us gather our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Selection: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Movement 1

(Max Bruch) soloist: Michaela Rafuse, violin

The offering is brought forward. We say together the Prayer Over the Gifts:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Doxology: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- The Church of Ireland along with the parishes of Tangier and Retired Clergy of Eastern Shore Region
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Rob Phillips, Don & Betty Little, Sylvia, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Louisa Patterson, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean, Robert, Beth, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha, Sylvia, Peter & Dan.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

April 18-19 marks the one year anniversary of the Nova Scotia mass casualty. To remember those whose lives were lost and to acknowledge the ongoing need for healing after that event, the Wolfville area churches will ring their bells at **3pm this Sunday, April 18th**. At that time, you are invited to observe two minutes of silence. This small local action is in concert with memorials happening across the province, a powerful reminder that we hold one another in love.

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation at the church. All are welcome to this simple practice - instructions are given each week.

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: This week, I will hold office hours on Monday, 10am-noon. You can always reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and nicole.uzans@gmail.com. I will be away next weekend to finish a course of chaplain's training with the Armed Forces. Much gratitude to the Rev. Bruce Matthews for leading services next Sunday!

April 19th, ACW meeting at noon. Bring your lunch; tea and coffee is provided.

April 19th, Parish Council Meeting at 7PM.

April 21st - Take Out Luncheon - Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Apple Crisp or Cheesecake all for \$10. Call by April 19th to Carol Ann Burden - 902-542-3681 or Myrtle Merrett - 902- 542-2623 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on April 20th. This is the last of the season until we "see you in September"

THE KINGS KIKIMA GRANNIES SALES ARE COMING SOON
Jewelery [free will donation and priced]..Fabric and Yarn....Hearing aid Masks... Re Imagined Art... and much more.....

- May 8th, Lions Hall, Wolfville 9am-3pm ..
- June 4th, Item Drop Off for Yard Sale 1pm-6pm, 15 Chestnut Ave Wolfville
- June 5th Giant Yard Sale., 15 Chestnut Ave, 8am-1pm

Put these dates in your calendar and come and find treasures and help The Kings Kikima Grannies continue to support our grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren in Kikima Village Kenya. Thank you for your continued generosity.
ALL COVID 19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE

Church & Community News

O Light of Light - The St. John's choir is delighted to share their most recent virtual anthem, "O Light of Light" by Richard Shephard. The video is now on the St. John's YouTube channel, or you can access it via this link: <https://youtu.be/uYJrtdUjGn4>