

You are the God of my salvation,
in you I hope all the day long.
O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust.

Prayers of the People: Ian MacDonald
Prayers for Scout Guide Week
Scouting Prayer: Ian MacDonald
Guiding Prayer: Debbie MacDonald

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.**

Offertory Sentence: Ascribe honour to God's holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. (*Psalm 96:8*)

Musical Selection: *Andante* (Carl Reinecke; arr. Hal H. Hopson)
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.

A Blessing for Lent: Go now in the knowledge that you are loved. May the grace of God free you; the word of God uphold you; the needs of God's people inspire you; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, be with you this day and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: #533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
The Dismissal

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

1st Sunday in Lent

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

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Reader: Pat Moore *Usher* – Rosemary Feener

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

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Prelude (Craig A. Penfield)

Welcome & Introduction

Opening Responses:

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

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

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Canticle – Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55:6-11)

Seek the Lord who is still to be found:

call upon God who is yet at hand.

Return to the Lord, who will have compassion:

to our God, who will abundantly pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts:

nor are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

'For as the heavens are higher than the earth:

**so are my ways than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and snow come down from heaven:
and return not again but water the earth,
causing the earth to bring forth and sprout:
giving seed to the sower and bread to the hungry;
so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth:
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I desire:
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'**

Leader: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Kyrie Eleison

Leader: Hear these words of scripture: "Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God."

People: **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Leader: Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Creator of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

We have not loved you with all our being, we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves: we have disfigured your image in which
we are made. **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have been and what we have done,
guide us and help us to amend our lives, and bring us to fullness of
life in you. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day: Heavenly Father, your Son confronted the
powers of darkness that obscure your compassion and love for all of
creation: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so

that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus Christ
our Saviour. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-17, John Whidden

Psalm 25:1-10 Led by John Whidden

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my
enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be
disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from
everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.

**Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners
in your way.**

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the
lowly.

**O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep
your covenant and your testimonies.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22, Ron Stuart

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15, Ron Stuart

Sermon

Responsory:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

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O my God, in you I trust.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* (G. F. Handel)
Greeter # 1 – Don Conrad Greeter # 2- MaryEllen Finlay
Usher – Camile Herbin Counters – Helen & John Whidden
This service incorporates prayers from *The Scottish Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in New Zealand & Aotearoa, the Canadian Anglican 'Book of Alternative Services,' and the Franciscan prayerbook 'Celebrating Common Prayer.'*

Flowers for Easter: Anyone wishing to have memorial flowers in the church for Easter, please contact Cathy Stewart at 902-542-5565 and leave a message.

SERVICES FOR Feb. 28th
8:00 am, BCP Morning Prayer
10:00 am, Service of the Word (Contemporary)

Cycle of Prayer
Please remember in your prayers...

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa along with the parishes of Collieries Parish in the Cape Breton 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, Andrew, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha & Jean Winter
- All whose memory we cherish and whose presence we miss

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

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

Feb. 21. St. Johns Annual General Meeting starting at 11am.

Lenten book study – *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This book of essays has been described as “a hymn of love to the world.” The author is a professor of botany and an Indigenous knowledge-keeper whose poetic storytelling will inspire you to see our relationships with each other and with the more-than-

human world in a new light. *Please let Nicole know if you are interested in participating via Zoom (Monday evenings, 7pm, Feb 22 – Mar 22) or in person (Tuesday mornings, 10am, Feb 23 – Mar 23).* Some copies of the book are available for loan, or it may be purchased as a book, e-book, or audio book.

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans. This week, I will be holding office hours on Monday, 10-11:30am. You can always contact me at 902-956-4892 (text or phone) or nicole.uzans@gmail.com

Church & Community News:

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.....

- April 10th, Lions Hall, Wolfville 9am-3pm
- 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 Wolfville...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

Lent Coin Folders are at the back of the church in the last pew, as well as other materials for the season of Lent.

Inn From The Cold. A lunch program is offered daily for shelter guests or anyone who is homeless. The "Foodtastic" Covid support program has prepared more than 7000 meals. We are making preparations to resume programs for smaller group activities at our Kentville outreach. Our fundraiser (Feb 20th) is still accepting donations <http://cnoy.org/location/annapolisvalley>