

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

Jan. 24th, 2021, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: Chris Maltby Usher – Mary McMillan

Greeter # 1 – John Patterson Greeter # 2 – AnneMarie Patterson

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **Partita on "Land of Rest"** (Anthony Giamanco)

Introductory Sentence & Call to Worship: It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

The Collect of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, with those you called by the lakeside, may we follow you, proclaiming the reign of God, and sharing your mission to bring good news to all; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn

#432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult!

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: **Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Saviour Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word,

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Denyse Nelson

Psalm 62:5-12 Led by Denyse Nelson

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour, my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the One who is your refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted. On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

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 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mary Phillips

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20, Mary Phillips

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: Elaine Slauenwhite

A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic:

Loving God, whose peace passes all our understanding; as we face this present pandemic, and experience fear and anxiety, may we hear your voice, bringing calm to the storms of our time. Strengthen those who work to limit the spread of infection, and those who seek to care for the sick, and keep us mindful of those most vulnerable. May we shape our living to protect one another, and may our changing habits, practices and sacrifices, be for the greater love of our community and all your people. **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: **All Are Welcome** (*Marty Haugen; arr. Mark Hayes*)
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.**

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: **#598 Go to the World** (*tune: Sine Nomine*)
The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: **Toccata** (*Douglas E. Wagner*)

Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.

Greeter # 1 – Jim Nelson Greeter # 2- Denyse Nelson

Usher –MaryEllen Finlay Counters – Sharon Carey & Karen Ferguson

SERVICES FOR Jan. 31st

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

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- The Anglican Church of Australia along with the parishes of Port Hill & St. Paul's, Charlottetown, PEI.
- 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 & Andrew.
- 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.

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

WAICC Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events - TODAY!

Wolfville Baptist will host an in-person ecumenical worship service, "Abide in God's Love", on **Sunday, January 24**, 4:00 pm, following health protocols in effect at that time.

Go to <https://www.waicc.org/> or WAICC's Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Church & Community News:

Positions Available on Parish Council: Our Parish will soon be working on the slate of officers for Parish Council in preparation for the AGM. If you're interested in serving, or want to know more, talk to one of the Wardens.

Ron Stuart's painting class: if interested in attending Ron's painting class that will begin soon. Date yet to be set. Contact Ron (rstuart1938@gmail.com) for a list of supplies and/or to ask questions. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

NOTICE: Annual Reports, time to start thinking about writing your Annual Reports. If you have submitted a report last year chances are you need to submit a report for this year. Also if you would like me to send you what you reported last year just let me know. I have no date yet concerning any deadlines as there has not been a date set yet for the Parish Annual Meeting. I will let you know more later about dates, but for now start thinking about your report and the sooner I get them the sooner I can begin working on the main report. Thank you, Administrative Assistants email is idmac@eastlink.ca

PWRDF* Fundraiser - "Soup-in-a-Bag": All Mothers & Children Count Program - COVID-19 Support From 2016-2020 PWRDF's **All Mothers and Children Count program (AMCC)** has improved health and food security in Tanzania, Mozambique, Rwanda and Burundi. In June 2020 this program was extended for one year to support AMCC partners through the **COVID-19 crisis**. This year's *Soup-in-a-Bag* project will help supply health clinics with medical

grade personal protective equipment, hand washing facilities and sanitizer, and public education tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19. *Donations to this program are matched 6:1 by the Govt. of Canada.* One bag (8-10 servings) costs \$7.00 or **3 bags for \$20.00**. To order call Helen Whidden, 902-542 5061 hj.whidden@ns.sympatico.ca.

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