

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: #306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
The Dismissal
Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: **Toccata in C Major** (Pachelbel)
Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.
Greeter # 1 – Don Conrad Greeter # 2- MaryEllen Finlay
Usher – Camille Herbin Counters – Helen & John Whidden

SERVICES FOR Feb. 7th

8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil 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
- All whose memory we cherish and whose presence we miss

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

Jan. 31st, 2021, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: Helen Shaw Usher – Beth Turner

Greeter # 1 – Mary McMillian Greeter # 2 – Rosemary Feener

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude:

If with All Your Hearts

(Felix Mendelssohn; arr. Lyndell Leatherman)

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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, so that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: **#620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Kimberly Matheson

Psalms 111 Led by Kimberly Matheson

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.

O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour, your righteousness endures for ever.

You make your marvellous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures for ever.

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 8:1-13, Karen Ferguson

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28, Karen Ferguson

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: Kimberly Matheson

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:

Offertori No. 2 (Luigi Bottazo)

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

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

Parish visiting—In this time of pandemic, the Chaplain's office at the hospital is not open to community clergy. This means I'm not able to find out if there are Anglicans from Wolfville in hospital. *Please* notify me of anyone who might appreciate pastoral contact for whatever reason – it doesn't need to be an emergency. I am comfortable with home & hospital visits, as well as phone calls.

Church & Community News:

Ron Stuart's painting class: Started on Tuesday Jan. 26th from 10:00Am until noon, classes will run for 6 weeks. Contact Ron (rstuart1938@gmail.com) for a list of supplies and/or to ask questions.

NOTICE: Annual Report time. 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. **All reports MUST be emailed to me on later then Feb. 5th.** Administrative Assistants email is idmac@eastlink.ca

NOTICE: Search for a new Rector. Progressing well- should be submitting the Parish Profile and the Ad to the Bishop's Office by the end of January.

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. All donations can be left at the back of the church.

The Quaker's: We would like to announce that starting this Sunday, Jan. 31st the Religious Society of Friends, The Quaker's will be using our **meeting room space** for their **weekly worship/meetings**. They will gather weekly every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Please be considerate of their time of worship and do not enter the building during this time.

NOTICE change of door usage: Starting today we will be using the back door, up the ramp, to enter the church building before both Sunday services. This is to help us with social distancing upon entering. We can get spread out better and now that the cold weather is upon us will be warmer waiting to be signed in before services. You will be met by a greeter in the sunroom, and the second greeter will be in the meeting room. After services you may exit either via the front or back doors.