

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

July 11th, 2021, 7th Sunday after Pentecost / 6th Sunday after Trinity

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 GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass all our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Patsy Clothier *Reader:* Val Burtzell

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

Usher - Rosemary Feener

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills (*Dale Wood*)

Land acknowledgement – *This parish is located in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. We are all Treaty people.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #345 King of Glory, King of Peace

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

(University Episcopal Community at the University of MN)

Celebrant: Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another & with God. As we turn our hearts & minds to worship, let us acknowledge our need for healing, forgiveness, and restored relationship.

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

All: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.

Celebrant: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word,

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Murray Phillips

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is God who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord and who can stand in the holy place of God?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek you, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

"Who is this glorious One?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

"Who is this glorious One?" "The Lord of hosts, the Lord who reigns in glory."

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: Ephesians 1:3-14, Murray Phillips

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – *(adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)*

**We believe in a bright and amazing God
who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;
who has risen in splendour and majesty;
who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light,
twinkling stars and sharp colours, over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world:
that God believes in us, and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as siblings in faith,
and to God's work in the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: Ian 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.**

Musical Selection: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*arr. Victor Labenske*)

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: #564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

The Dismissal

Let us go forth rejoicing, for Love the Lord is on the way.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in C Major (*David Lasky*)

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

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Greeter # 1 – Ian MacDonald Greeter # 2- Judy Wilmot

Usher – Denyse Nelson Counters – Sharon Carey & Murray Phillips

SERVICES FOR July 18th

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

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- Episcopal Church in the Philippines along with the parishes of St. John's, Bedford ; Fall River & French Village, NS
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Sylvia, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Louisa Patterson, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Beth, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha, Sylvia, Peter & Sandra Crossley-Lyon.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest.

The Wardens wish to thank the members of the Parochial Committee for all their hard work over the past 6 months in the selection of our new Rector. Rev'd Nicole will start full-time Oct 1st. Meanwhile she will continue as Interim Rector as before. We are so very glad to have you amongst us, Nicole! Welcome and Congratulations!

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: In the coming week, I will hold 'patio hours' at TAN coffee shop on Friday, 1-2pm. Please feel free to stop by and say hello! You can also reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and nicole.uzans@gmail.com

I will be on study leave & vacation from July 19 – Aug 16. Sunday worship leadership has been arranged and the Rev. Bruce Matthews will be available in case of pastoral emergencies. (Details to follow in next week's bulletin)

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation is back in the church! This gathering is open to anyone who would appreciate quiet time in the church, together with some simple teaching in Christian meditation and the support of a contemplative community. No experience necessary.

TODAY: Sea Sunday 11th July 2021 We thank them for the hardships they are willing to face and the sacrifices they have been forced to

endure, especially during the Covid lockdowns. Please join us at 3 PM, Sunday, July 11 at the French cross, Morden (follow Hwy 361 from Auburn; at the coast, turn right onto French Cross Rd) for a short service of storytelling, music and prayer, to remember all those who risk the seas to bring us goods from around the world (or down the Bay). *A freewill offering will be received for the Mission to Seafarers' work at the Halifax port.* Prepared & offered by the Annapolis Valley Region Anglican Churches. Bring your own chair.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is recruiting for September, 2021!

EfM is a program designed for laity to provide theological study and reflection rooted in the Scriptures and traditions of the Church. Participants meet once a week for 1.5 to 2 hours. Reading the textbook, the Bible and other works, doing the assignments etc. will take more time on your own. What each student takes away from EfM depends on how much time and energy are devoted to the course. Each year of the four year course is 36 weeks long and can start in either September or January. In either case, there are no classes over the summer, and we take a break for Christmas. **You do not need to commit to all four years at once!**

For more information: www.efmcanada.ca/onlinecourse.html or for information on EfM in our diocese:

<http://djharrison.ca/html%20pages/EfM.html> You may also contact David Harrison (djh@djharrison.ca or 902-923-2902) he is the Diocesan EfM Coordinator and an EfM Online mentor.

Church & Community News

Visioning in the Valley - Regional Ministries Debbie Fice, a ministry student intern with St. James, Kentville has prepared a survey to gauge interest in regional sharing of ministries amongst the Anglican churches in the Valley region. Please participate by picking up a survey at the back door and returning it to the parish office **by July 18th**. This is a valuable piece of research that will benefit the growth of ministry in our parish and beyond.

A pink flowering dogwood tree has been planted on the lawn to the west of the top of the steps up from the sidewalk. This is the gift of local dentists in memory of Dr. Richard Taylor. We thank the donors for their kindness in so recognizing Dick, a longtime parishioner of St. John's.