

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

June 13th, 2021. 3rd Sunday after Pentecost / The 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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Worship Resources for this Sunday

Our worship resources are posted on the Parish website: (www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca) and our Parish Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsanglicanwolfville>). We welcome your feedback as we try to find new ways to stay in touch with each other and offer pastoral and spiritual support. Please contact one of the wardens with any comments or suggestions you may have.

8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Now the Green Blade Rises: Theme & Variation I* (Wayne L. Wold)

Welcome and Gathering Prayer (*from A Disciple's Prayer Book, Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples*)

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Centre of this Sacred Circle through all of which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day: Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Opening Hymn: #259 For the Fruit of All Creation

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...

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Margaret Coghill

Psalm 20, Led by Denyse & Jim Nelson

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

send you help from the holy place of the Lord and strengthen you out of Zion;

remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that you, O Lord, give victory to your anointed, whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms with the victorious strength of your mighty hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to your anointed and answer us when we call.

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.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Margaret Coghill,

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34, Margaret Coghill & Alacrity Fry

Sermon

Musical Selection: *Now the Green Blade Rises: Variation III* (Wayne L. Wold)

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: Elaine Slauenwhite & Patsy Clothier

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 Diocese of Niagara)

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.

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.**

Closing Hymn: #632 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

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.**

Postlude: *Now the Green Blade Rises: Variations IV & V* (Wayne L. Wold)
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SERVICES FOR June 20th, Fathers Day

Join us online for a Service of the Word

Zoom gathering at 10am or watch anytime on the St. John's YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCi00t_eG4QwQH5yzuuM4CQ

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- The Church of Nigeria along with the parishes of St. Augustine's, Jollimore & Falkland and Purcell's Cove, Nova Scotia
- 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.

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation is going online! During the current lockdown, meditation will be convened on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496353786> (or email nicole.uzans@gmail.com to receive the link by email). **Please help spread the word!** All are welcome to this simple practice - instructions are given each week.

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: You can reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and nicole.uzans@gmail.com

WAICC AGM: The Forgotten History of Nova Scotian Black Athletes -- The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council will hold its AGM on Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Following the business meeting, a panel will make a presentation and take questions. The panel will include Brenton Bernard representing Horton High School's Africentric Cohort; Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes speaking on Terrance "Tiger" Warrington, Elroy Mitchell and Nova Scotian Black boxing; Dean Smith representing Hockey Nova Scotia's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force; and Rev. Nicole Uzans giving a spiritual reflection. Please watch the short film, Ice Breakers, before the meeting: <https://www.nfb.ca/film/ice-breakers/>.

You can join the meeting via computer/tablet or

telephone: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87016265350?pwd=NytibWZqUm1lQ1ljU2RpSjJ0NUNOZz09>

or 1-855-703-8985 Canada, toll-free (meeting ID: 870 1626 5350, passcode: 498505). If you are joining by phone, your phone number will be masked. WAICC will be video-recording the Zoom session.

A Vigil - hosted by the Annapolis Valley Muslim Association

From the Rev. Paul Jennings, Rector of the Parish of Wilmot: On behalf of our local Annapolis Valley Muslim Association, I am glad to pass on to you an invitation to a Vigil for the family murdered this past week in London, ON. The service will be on Wednesday evening, from 7-8, at the drive-in theatre in Cambridge. Due to Covid restrictions, participants will remain in their cars, with the service being broadcast through the drive-in sound system. And please continue to pray for our Muslim neighbours, who are feeling very vulnerable in the aftermath of this atrocity.