

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

June 20th, 2021. 4th Sunday after Pentecost / The 3rd Sunday after Trinity / Father's Day
National Indigenous Peoples Day



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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, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (William B. Bradbury; arr. John Carter)

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 which all of 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 (for National Indigenous Day of Prayer, Anglican Church of Canada): Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #583 When God Restored Our Common Life

A reading from the letter to the Philippians (4:4-9), John Whidden

A Thanksgiving Address (Please note – a different version of the Thanksgiving Address appears in the online video service)

“If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” So advises the author of the letter to the Philippians. Earlier this year, several of us in this parish read the book “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall-Kimmerer, through which we were introduced to the Thanksgiving Address, versions of which are offered in many Indigenous nations across Turtle Island. It is a spoken hymn of praise & gratitude for all, all, all elements of creation and the universe. Shared at the start of the school day or the opening of a conference, the Thanksgiving Address sets gratitude as the highest priority and draws peoples’ minds together ‘into the place where gathered minds meet.’ Now, in words based on the Haudenosaunne daily opening words, we name all that is worthy of praise:

Let our minds come together as one as we show gratitude...
for the Creator of everything in the universe and all the things that were given to us, we are grateful.
For all of the People, we are grateful,
and for Mother Earth,
for the waters – the rains, rivers, lakes and oceans,
for the fish,
for the roots,
for the plants,
for the medicines and herbs,
for the birds,
for the two legged, four legged, sliders and crawlers,
for the sustainers, the three sisters – corn, beans and squash,
for the fruits and berries,
for the trees and shrubs,
for the rocks, mountains and valleys,
for the four winds – North, East, South, and West,
for the Thunder Beings,
for Grandmother Moon,
for the Sun,
for the Stars, our ancestors and loved ones passed,
we are grateful and respectful.

Now we have opened the day. If we have forgotten anything, know that we have done our best, have good intentions and will continue to be mindful of all the gifts. Now our minds are one and these are all the words.

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31, Karen Ferguson

Psalm 29 Led by Helen & John Whidden

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

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.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18 Kyle Wells

Sermon

Musical Selection: The Gift (Russell Wallace)

Affirmation of Faith – *(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)*

**We believe in the love of God,
embodied in the person of Jesus,
spread through the cosmos by the Holy Spirit.**

Prayers of the People: Kimberly Matheson

An Alternative Lord's Prayer: *from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia*

Let us gather our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for 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: #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Blessing: 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.**

Postlude: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (arr. Hal H. Hopson)

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SERVICES FOR June 27th

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 North India (United) along with the parishes of St. Paul's, Halifax; Trinity, Halifax; Emmanuel, Spryfield & St. Peter's, Birch 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.

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