

# St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

*We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.*

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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## **Worship Resources for this Sunday**

During the provincial lockdown, St. John's will continue to hold a weekly Zoom gathering for worship & a virtual coffee hour, starting at 9:45am on Sundays. This is a great way to stay connected, even when we are apart. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86890337534>

Our worship resources are posted on the Parish website: ([www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca](http://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 GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **The Gathering of the Community**

Prelude: Gott Vater Sei Gepreisen: I Prelude (Anthony Giamanco)

#### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement, followed by the Grace**

*We acknowledge that we are 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:** O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### **Opening Hymn #606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

#### **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,**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14-15, Murray Phillips

Psalm 138 read by Ian and Debbie MacDonald

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

**Though you are high, you care for the lowly; you perceive the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your mighty hand shall save me.

**O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Glorify 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.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mary Phillips

The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35, Mary Phillips

Sermon

**Musical Selection:** Gott Vater Sei Gepreisen: II Duo (Anthony Giamanco)

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

A Prayer in a Time of Pandemic *(The Diocese of Niagara):*

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.**

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: All Are Welcome verses 1, 3-5**

A Blessing from the Franciscan Community:

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude: Gott Vater Sei Gepreisen: III Toccata (Anthony Giamanco)  
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### **SERVICES FOR June 13th**

**Join us online for a Service of the Word**

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

#### **Cycle of Prayer**

**Please remember in your prayers...**

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) along with the parishes of St. Mark's & The Church of the Apostles, Halifax, 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](mailto: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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**June 12<sup>th</sup>, Annual Plant Sale:** Location is the home of Shirley Marston in Gaspereau at 10 Slaytor Rd. Sale is booked for June 12<sup>th</sup> depending on Public Health Rules. In the meantime, there are a number of Patio Pots that have been beautifully painted by Mary McMillen and these may be pre-ordered by phoning Shirley Marston 902-542-9323.

**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. Please watch the short film, *Ice Breakers*, before the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUZEMkBnEVs>. Please see future announcements for Zoom info. Note that WAICC will be video-recording the Zoom session but not with phone numbers displayed.