

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

March 14th, 2021, 3rd Sunday in Lent / Mothering Sunday

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reader: Val Burtsell

Prayers of the People: Patsy Clothier Usher – Beth Turner

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

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **Prière à Notre-Dame** (*Leon Boellmann; arr. Robert Lau*)

Welcome & Introduction

Opening Responses:

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory 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.**

Opening Canticle – Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55:6-11)

Seek the Lord who is still to be found:

call upon God who is yet at hand.

Return to the Lord, who will have compassion:

to our God, who will abundantly pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts:

nor are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

'For as the heavens are higher than the earth:

so are my ways than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and snow come down from heaven:

and return not again but water the earth,

causing the earth to bring forth and sprout:

giving seed to the sower and bread to the hungry;

so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth:

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I desire:

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'

Leader: The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: **#432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult**

Kyrie Eleison

Leader: Hear these words of scripture: "Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God."

People: **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Leader: Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Creator of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

We have not loved you with all our being, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves: we have disfigured your image in which we are made. **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have been and what we have done, guide us and help us to amend our lives, and bring us to fullness of life in you. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day: Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy. When we rebel against your holy call and walk in disobedience, soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, so that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us, and raising us up into your eternal presence. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9, Mary Phillips

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Led by Mary Phillips

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, and whose mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

The Lord gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to you, O Lord, in their trouble, and you delivered them from their distress.

You sent forth your word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your mercy and the wonders you do for your children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.

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 2:1-10, Murray Phillips

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21, Murray Phillips

Sermon

Responsory:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation, in you I hope all the day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Prayers of the People: Kimberly Matheson

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.**

Offertory Sentence: Ascribe honour to God's holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. (*Psalm 96:8*)

Musical Selection: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (*arr. Larry Shackley*)
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.

A Blessing for Lent: 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.

Closing Hymn: **#321 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

The Dismissal

Postlude: Postlude on "Coronation" (*arr. Jason D. Payne*)

Greeter # 1 - Jim Nelson Greeter # 2- Judy Wilmot

Usher - MaryEllen Finlay Counters - Mary & Murray Phillips

This service incorporates prayers from The Scottish Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church in New Zealand & Aotearoa, the Canadian Anglican 'Book of Alternative Services,' and the Franciscan prayerbook 'Celebrating Common Prayer.'

Flowers for Easter: Anyone wishing to have memorial flowers in the church for Easter, please contact Cathy Stewart at 902-670-5655 and leave a message.

SERVICES FOR March 21st

8:00 am, BCP Morning Prayer 10:00 am, Service of the Word

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile along with the parishes of the Northumbria Region with Canso & Three Harbours, NS
- 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, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha, Sylvia & Peter.
- All whose memory we cherish and whose presence we miss especially remembering Barb Fleck, Jean Winter & Ann Lowe.

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

The funeral for Ann Lowe will be on March 22, 10:30am at St. John's. Please continue to hold her family & friends in your prayers.

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation at the church. All are welcome to this simple practice - instructions are given each week.

Lenten book study— *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Study sessions continue via Zoom (Monday, 7pm) and in-person (Tuesday, 10am). This week, we'll consider the essay "The Honorable Harvest."

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: This week, I will hold office hours on Monday, 10am-noon. You can always reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and nicole.uzans@gmail.com

ECUMENICAL LECTIONARY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom Weds, at 2 PM with Rev. Dr. Rob Hankinson, retired United Church of Canada minister

March 17th: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

March 24th: For Palm Sunday, Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 , Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 For Passion Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15,47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Readings are selected from the Revised Common Lectionary Year B. To register for the series and obtain the zoom link, send your name by email to robthechaplain@gmail.com. Please send any questions about the series to Rob and bring a Bible of your choice.

Church & Community News

Lenten Coin Folders are at the back of the church in the last pew as well as other materials for the season of Lent. When returning the Coin Folders, please use a cheque or a \$20 bill. Coins are a concern with COVID-19. No tape on the folders, please.

Easter Newsletter: If you have any photos or articles that you would like to see in this edition of our newsletter email them to our Administrative Assistant Debbie at idmac@eastlink.ca. Please provide captions for the photos. Cutoff date is March 21st

St. John's Anglican Church New Website A new website for the parish has been designed by Meg Finlay. Please note the **new** address is www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca
Any additions, suggestions or comments, email Meg at mfinlay986@gmail.com

New Choir Anthem - Even though we're not sitting in the choir stalls right now, the choir is still hard at work! Our most recent 'virtual choir' anthem - "Laudate Nomen Domini" by Christopher Tye - is now online and ready to share. You can access it with the URL <https://youtu.be/33TBE4FQMvY>, or simply by searching on the St. John's YouTube channel.