

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

March 21st, 2021, 5th Sunday in Lent

Interim Rector: *The Rev'd Nicole Uzans, nicole.uzans@gmail.com*

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Collect: We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader: Helen Shaw

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

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Guest Soloist: Emily Riding, Euphonium

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **Six Studies in English Folk Song**

Nos. 2 & 5 (R. Vaughan Williams)

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: **Glorify 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: **#608 Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy**

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: God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Write your law on our hearts, so that we may not stray from you, but be your people. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Denyse Nelson

Psalms 119:9-16 Led by Denyse Nelson

How shall the young cleanse their way? By keeping to your words.
With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips will I recite all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

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: Hebrews 5:5-10, Kimberly Matheson

The Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33, Kimberly Matheson
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.

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: Mary Phillips

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. (*Psalms 96:8*)

Musical Selection: **The Swan** (*Camille Saint Saens*)

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: #602 **Lift High the Cross**

The Dismissal

Postlude: **Six Studies in English Folk Song** No. 6 (*R. Vaughan Williams*)

Greeter # 1 - Ian MacDonald Greeter # 2- Judy Amos

*Usher - Denyse Nelson Counters - Sharon Carey & Karen Ferguson
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.'*

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| <p>Flowers for Easter: Anyone wishing to have memorial flowers in the church for Easter, please contact Cathy Stewart at 902-542-5565 and leave a message.</p> |
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SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Palm Sunday)

8:00 am, BCP Morning Prayer 10:00 am, Service of the Word
with guest preacher Ginny Wilmhoff

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- The Church of England along with Anglican Churches of Pictou County & Liscomb with Port Bickerton, 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 Ann Lowe.

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

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. The final study sessions are this week, via Zoom (Monday, 7pm) and in-person (Tuesday, 10am).

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: I will not hold office hours this week, but 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 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.

Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday *with communion & stripping of the sanctuary*, April 1st, 7pm; Good Friday *meditations on the 7 last words of Jesus*, April 2nd, 7pm; Easter Sunday, April 4th, 8am BCP *with communion* and 10 am *contemporary service with communion*

The WAICC Good Friday Walk with the Cross will be a virtual event this year, available on-demand after March 31st on the WAICC website or Facebook page, or the St. John's Facebook page

Church & Community News

ACW are looking to repair/ replace some of our BCP's and BAS books. If anyone is interested in donating one or more of these as a memorial gift, please call Judy Amos at 902-542-5317. Thanks!

We are seeking a copy of Ralph Winter's history of St John's. There was a copy placed in our historical showcase but it is not there now. Can anyone help? If so call Camille at 902-670-7593.

Reservations are needed for Ann Lowe's funeral March 22nd. Please call Camille at 902-670-7593 with your requests. (The ladies who gave me their names at the ACW meeting don't need to call- you are on the list.)

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