

# St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

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

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Ascension of the Lord**

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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: GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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

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

Prelude: *Offertori, No. 2* (Luigi Battazzo)

**Welcome and Introduction**, followed by the Grace:

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:** Holy God, send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom upon us, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. *Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** #383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#### **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**

Hear these words of scripture: "Love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God." As we turn our hearts and minds to worship, let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For**

**the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11, Jim Nelson

Psalm 93 Led by Kimberly Matheson

The Lord reigns and has put on splendid apparel; the Lord is robed in splendour and girded with strength.

The Lord has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;

**ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting**

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

**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: Ephesians 1:15-23 Jim Nelson

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53, Denyse Nelson

Sermon, The Rev. Nicole Uzans

**Anthem: *Beati quorum via* (Charles Villiers Stanford)**

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: Kimberly Matheson

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: # 246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

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.**

Sending (from the Salt Project): Friends, how good and pleasant it is to be together, in person or in spirit, encouraging and consoling, provoking and inspiring. But now the service is ended. Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? Go in peace – into the world, for the love of the world!

Postlude: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (Lani Smith)

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### Cycle of Prayer

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

- The Anglican Church of Korea along with Retired Clergy of the Dartmouth Region
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Rob Phillips, Sylvia, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Louisa Patterson, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean, Beth, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha, Sarah & family, Sylvia, Peter & Sandra Crossley-Lyon.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest especially remembering Bob MacDonald (Ian MacDonald's brother)

### SERVICES FOR May 16th

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

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

**THANK YOU:** TO Vicki Harris and Harrison Czapalay for again cleaning up the hedge and the grounds at the back of the graveyard.

### Announcements

**Mark these dates on your calendar**

**Parish Council** meets Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm via Zoom

**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.

*From the Rev. Nicole Uzans:* While the province is in lockdown, I will be working from my home in Tatamagouche. You can always reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and [nicole.uzans@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.uzans@gmail.com)

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