

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

May 2nd, 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday

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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, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Reader: Chris Maltby

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Organ Concerto in G Major, Op 4, No. 1 (G.F. Handel)

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: God of deep soil and luxurious growth, you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are, Jesus Christ, the true vine. *Amen*

Opening Hymn: #56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

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 8:26-40 Murray Phillips

Psalm 22:25-31 Read by Murray Phillips

My praise is of God in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before God.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.

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: 1 John 4:7-21, Mary Phillips

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8, Mary Phillips

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Anthem: How Can I Keep from Singing (Clifford Brock)

Prayers of the People: Ian MacDonald

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: #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (tune: Hyfrydol)

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.**

Postlude: Christians, We Have Met to Worship (arr. Mark Hayes)

NOTE ABOUT NAMES IN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Once names are submitted to the Cycle of Prayer, they remain on this list until a family member asks for them to be removed, they are deceased, or whomever asked for the name to be added asks for it to be removed. Sometimes names remain on our list for many months and years. We do not remove a name unless we have been specifically asked to remove it. If you have added a name to the below list and would like it to be removed, please let our administrative assistant know. Email is idmac@eastlink.ca

Cycle of Prayer
Please remember in your prayers...

- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East along with the parishes of Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth; Holy Spirit, Dartmouth; St. Alban's, Woodside & St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, NS.
- Pray for the Atlantic School of Theology Convocation, Sat. May 8th.
- 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, Sylvia & Peter.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest.

SERVICES FOR May 11th
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

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.

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

Church & Community News