

# St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

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

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, The Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday**

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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: GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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

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

Prelude: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (arr. Mark Hayes)

**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:** Creator Spirit, make the dry bones of our lives live and breathe and grow again. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation. Come in rushing wind and flashing fire to turn the sin and sorrow within us into faith, power and delight. *Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

#### **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** (adapted from the Church of England)

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*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say, **Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John Whidden

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b led by MaryEllen & Cameron Finlay

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May your glory, O Lord, endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works;**

you look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**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: Acts 2:1-21, Jonathan Khoo, Nicole Uzans, Meg Finlay, and Franziska Kruschen

The Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, John Whidden

Sermon, The Rev. Nicole Uzans

### **Anthem: Spirit of Mercy (Arcadelt; arr. Schweizer)**

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: MaryEllen Finlay

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: #249 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow**

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: Deo Gratias (Anthony Giamanco)

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### **Cycle of Prayer**

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

- The Anglican Church of Melanesia along with the parishes of the Chebucto Region with The Cathedral Church of All Saints, 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, Jean, 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.

### **SERVICES FOR May 30th**

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

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

### **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.

*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)

**NEW SERVER SCHEDULE:** will start July 1<sup>st</sup> and run until December. If you would like to be added as a reader, please let the Administrative Assistant know as soon as possible at [idmac@eastlink.ca](mailto:idmac@eastlink.ca) If you would like to be added as a Eucharistic Assistant or to lead the Prayers of the People, please let Rev'd Nicole know at [nicole.uzans@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.uzans@gmail.com) as those positions require guidance and training. We could especially a couple more people to act as Eucharistic Assistants and prayer leaders at the 8am service, so please consider helping out in either or both of these ministries. During COVID lockdown, as our services are online, the Eucharistic Assistant ministry is on pause, but we need to be thinking ahead. Thanks!

St. John's now has a well-established **ONLINE VIDEO PRESENCE** that allows parishioners and friends to watch worship services from the comfort and safety of their homes. Every recorded service is available for review via our website (<http://www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca/services.html>) or YouTube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCi00t\\_eG4QwQH5yzuuM4CQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCi00t_eG4QwQH5yzuuM4CQ/videos)). We are now looking for interested parishioners with even a little experience in video recording, editing, and production to share in this ministry, to ensure that we continue to provide this service to our parish and beyond, and perhaps expand our reach and offerings. Anyone interested can contact Cameron Finlay via email at [cameron.finlay777@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.finlay777@gmail.com) or phone at 902-385-4605.