

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

May 30th, 2021 Trinity Sunday / The Octave Day of Pentecost

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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) 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: ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast it given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Holy, Holy, Holy (*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: Holy God, the Earth is full of your love. May we your children, born of the Spirit, so bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ, that all the world may believe and have eternal life through him, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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,

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8, Ron Stuart

Psalm 29 Led by Patti & Ron Stuart

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

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: Romans 8:12-17, Jim Nelson

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17, Kyle Wells

Sermon

Musical Selection: Holy, Holy, Holy (*Tchaikovsky*)

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: Mary Phillips

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: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy

A Blessing from Jan Richardson: In this new season may you know the presence of the God who dwells within your days, the mystery of the Christ who drenches you in love, the blessing of the Spirit who bears you into life anew. **Amen.**

Postlude: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Johann Pachelbel; ed. Hal H. Hopson*)
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SERVICES FOR June 6th

Join us online for a Service of the Word

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

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico along with the parishes of St. James, Armdale; St. George's, Halifax, & St. Margaret of Scotland, 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.

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

June 12th, Annual Plant Sale: Location is the home of Shirley Marston in Gaspereau at 10 Slaytor Rd. Sale is tentatively booked for June 12th depending on Public Health Rules. In the meantime, there are a number of Patio Pots that have been beautifully painted by Mary McMillen and these may be pre-ordered by phoning Shirley Marston 902-542-9323.

NEW SERVER SCHEDULE: will start July 1st and run until December. If you would like to be added as a reader for the lessons, psalms and gospels, please let the Administrative Assistant know as soon as possible at idmac@eastlink.ca Also note that if you are currently reading and would like a break let me know so I can

reflect this in the next rotation. 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 as those positions require guidance and training. We could especially use 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). 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 or phone at 902-385-4605.