

# St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

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

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / The Rogation Days / Mother's Day

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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: Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

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

Prelude: Adoro te devote (arr. Robert Wetzler); soloist: Luke Henderson, trumpet

**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:** Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Opening Hymn: # 433 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

#### **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 10:44-48, Ron Stuart

Psalm 98 led by Patti & Ron Stuart

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things, whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known the victory; you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall God judge the world and the peoples with equity.

**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 5:1-6, Alacrity Fry

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17, Margaret Coghill

Sermon, The Rev. Nicole Uzans

Affirmation of Faith – Hear, O Israel

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (John Rutter); soloists: Meg Finlay & Morgandy Levy

Prayers of the People: Elaine Slauenwhite & Patsy Clothier

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: # #312 Sing a New Song unto the Lord**

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: *Come, Christians Join to Sing* (arr. Mark Hayes)  
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**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](mailto:idmac@eastlink.ca)

**Cycle of Prayer**  
**Please remember in your prayers...**

- The Anglican Church of Kenya along with the parishes of St. Luke's, Dartmouth & St. John's, Westphal, Nova Scotia.
- 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.
- For all who have departed this life and are at rest especially remembering Bob MacDonald (Ian MacDonald's brother)

**SERVICES FOR May 9th**

**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](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](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)

**Church & Community News**

**Ellen Torrie's Masters Recital** - will be livestreamed from McGill University, Montreal, at 6pm ADT on Sunday, May 9. Ellen will be performing a beautiful program of early music - a perfect treat for a Sunday evening in lockdown! It is, after all, one of the small perks of these times that we can all "attend" a recital happening in Montreal! The streaming link will be available on this

website: [https://www.mcgill.ca/music/channels/event/masters-recital-ellen-torrie-soprano-329476?fbclid=IwAR1XsiSCqVU4pPS29k7a\\_9owSkjBR01KUxpfRej\\_HGDVZyi2qvMn8lOmkgS](https://www.mcgill.ca/music/channels/event/masters-recital-ellen-torrie-soprano-329476?fbclid=IwAR1XsiSCqVU4pPS29k7a_9owSkjBR01KUxpfRej_HGDVZyi2qvMn8lOmkgS)