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This parish is located in Mi'kma'ki,
the traditional and unceded lands and waters of the Mi'kmaq.

May 31st, 2026, Trinity Sunday

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST, CONTEMPORARY RITE

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Johann Pachelbel)

Welcome and introduction of Magdalena Jennings, who will be with us on Sundays throughout the summer before returning to theological studies at Trinity College, Toronto

Opening Hymn: #1 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to thee:

holy, holy, holy,

merciful and mighty,

God in three persons,

blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power,
in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

The Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

The Gloria

(* or 'peace to God's people')

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

Glory to God #702

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

The Collect of the Day: O God, your name is veiled in mystery, yet you have made us and call us by name; draw us more deeply into your divine life, so that we may show forth in our lives your justice, kindness and humility; for you alone are holy, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a read by Denyse Nelson

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says, The word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 8 read responsively, led by Denyse Nelson

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are mortals that you should be mindful of them,
their children that you should seek them out?**

You have made them but little lower than the angels;

you adorn them with glory and honour;

you give them mastery over the works of your hands;

you put all things under their feet;

all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and all that walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

**Glory 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**

Gradual Hymn: Sing A New Creation #58 Mothering God

Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace;
Your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flower, until I know;
Until I flower, until I know.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 *All rise for the reading*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – the Rev. Nicole Uzans

Affirmation of Faith from the Church of England:

We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with God's love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, led by MaryEllen Finlay

Confession and Absolution Absolution from the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)* and 'Celebrating Common Worship' (Franciscan)

Celebrant: Blessed be God, the holy Trinity, whose peace passes all understanding and whose love knows no end. Trusting in the tender mercy of God, we confess our sin and open our hearts to receive God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

Celebrant: People of God, in Christ Jesus, God has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you anew to follow the way of peace.

The Sharing of the Peace

Presider: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace. Please remain in your pews/seats and acknowledge one another with a bow, handshake or hug.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #616 Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

Father of Heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty son, incarnate word,
our prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before they throne we sinners bend;

to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious, Godhead, Three-in-One,
before thy throne, we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Gifts for the work of the Church are brought forward. We also take time to acknowledge the ministries of Helen Ackermann, Elaine Slauenwhite, and Ron Stuart, each of whom is retiring from a role in the church community.

Prayer Over the Gifts: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer from the Iona Community

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Indeed it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God: out of chaos and darkness you have created light and an abundance of life. From the depths of winter, to the new life of spring and the promised warmth of summer, you bring forth a harvest of bounty. Your world is indeed good.

Through your Son, who lived and toiled, wept and laughed among us, you were one with us in human flesh. You sent your Spirit to bring new life to tired bones and souls, causing living water to spring from dry, thirsty places and putting a new song on our lips. So, together with all your saints and angels, with prophets and martyrs, the living and the departed, we sing to you a hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy... #735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Glory and honour to you, God our life, for the gift of Jesus our Lord. Christ is the first fruit of your creation, with you before time, bringing all to completion through his death on a cross. By your power you raised him: evil can never overcome your love. You set us free to be your body, serving you in the world.

On the night before he died, knowing that his time had come, while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, and broke it, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

We do now what Christ taught us: we remember his death and resurrection and look forward to that day when all will be complete in him. We offer ourselves and all that we are: our gifts and talents, our strengths and weaknesses, to the glory and honour of your name.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Celebrant: Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and bless them with the fullness of Jesus.

**All: And let that same Spirit rest on us, too,
converting us from the patterns of this world,
until we become more like Jesus,
whose food we now share. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God... #745

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

All are welcome to receive holy communion or a blessing. Please remain in your pews and servers will come to you. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion bread and wine are offered today. You may receive communion in one kind (bread only) or partake of the wine also by drinking from the common cup, touching the base of the cup, or reverencing the cup with a small bow.

**Music During Communion: Holy, Holy, Holy (arr. Mark Hayes);
Holy, Holy, Holy (P. Tchaikovsky)**

Prayer after Communion: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.**

Blessing & Announcements, including a Parish vote to appoint a new Warden and Member-at-large on Parish Council

Closing Hymn: #436 I Bind Unto Myself

Father of Heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty son, incarnate word,
our prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before thy throne we sinners bend;
to us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son;
mysterious, Godhead, Three-in-One,
before thy throne, we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go into all the world,
rejoicing in the presence of Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trinitas, Mov. III (Eleanor Daley)

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Greeters: Judy Amos & Michelle Mansfield

Counters: Barbara Beazley & Murray Phillips

Eucharistic Assistant: Murray Phillips

Livestreamer: Karen Padovani

SERVICES for Sunday, June 7th

8am Holy Communion (BCP); 10am Holy Eucharist (Contemporary)

Do you remember the spring BBQ at St. John's last year?

Or were you part of our Newcomers' Meal this April?

**TODAY, we're celebrating again with "Friendship Sunday,"
an opportunity for ALL in the parish to make new connections over
lunch together. Hope you can stay & enjoy!**

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- In the Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's, Dartmouth and St. John's, Westphal, Nova Scotia
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Mark Fletcher, Steve Boone, Digger MacDougall, John & Michele Niec, Matt,

Bernadette, Linda Brehaut, Sandi King, Cameron Finlay, Paul Friesen, Evan, Val Burtzell, Trevor Stanton and Karen Ferguson

Announcements

Do you have an announcement to share in the bulletin?

Please send it to info.stjohnswolfville@gmail.com

Announcements must be received by Thursday evening.

Rector's day off: I will be off Monday of this week. During time off, I do not respond to non-urgent messages. My contact info is rector.stjohnswolfville@gmail.com or 902-956-4892 (cell).

Children's Church - TODAY! All children (ages 4+) are invited to a time of storytelling & activities just for them. Children's Church happens during the 10am service, so kids can have some time in church with their adults and some time with each other in the sunroom (just off the sanctuary). Our Godly Play instructors ask lots of 'wondering' questions and share bible stories, songs, and creative activities with the kids. **Thank you to Margaret & Kaisa, who have offered Children's Church this year! We really appreciate their kindness & creativity.** They're taking a summer break after today.

Meditation: Weekly at the church. Friday mornings from 11-11:45am.

Our next ACW meeting will be on Monday, June 15th at noontime. We will be meeting for lunch at the Old Orchard Inn. If you would like to attend please contact Judy Amos (902-542-5317) or Dianne Thorpe (902-542-7492). All ladies in the church are welcome to attend.

Worship in the Community - Once a month, a small group from St. John's leads simple worship services at The Elms and The Wolfville Nursing Home. These times of prayer & song mean so much to the residents and bring the joy of connection to everyone involved. We need some new folks to join this ministry, especially if you have musical gifts to share. The care homes both have pianos, though any portable musical instrument is also welcome! We can work with any style of music. Services are on the first Wednesday of the month, 10-11:30am. Interested? Have any ideas? Please talk to the Rev. Nicole Uzans. Thanks!

Wolfville & Area InterChurch Council (WAICC) is excited to welcome Danny Graham, Chief Engagement Officer of Engage Nova Scotia, as a guest speaker on June 9th (7pm). This event will be held at L'Arche Homefires (341 Main St.) Danny's presentation is called "Reflecting Community Needs & Building a Community that Cares." Engage Nova Scotia gathers province-wide research on how people experience life in their communities – insights that are incredibly valuable for organizations like WAICC and its member churches as we seek to respond with care, compassion, and meaningful support. We're looking forward to hearing what Danny has to say about the needs right here in our corner of the world. Tickets are complimentary, but limited in number. Please speak to the Rev. Nicole Uzans or Rob Hankinson, your WAICC representatives, if you'd like to attend.

The Wardens have called a brief **special meeting of the parish** to take place on **today at the end of the combined 10:00 am service**, but prior to its conclusion. The reason for this very brief meeting is twofold:

- to approve the role of an additional warden at St. John's, and to hold an election to fill the role. After much thought and prayer, Michelle Mansfield has offered to step into this leadership role, joining Cameron and Karen
- to ratify the appointment of David Thomas as member-at-large on Parish Council

The terms for both the warden and Parish Council member-at-large will take effect immediately upon approval of the Parish and nominally run until the AGM in February 2029.

A bit of background: following several discussions and a vote, Parish Council is recommending that St. John's leadership team include three wardens. The benefits of a third warden are several: an additional warden would give flexibility during absences (planned and unforeseen); would provide for a smooth succession as terms end; and, would allow a new warden to ease into the role. Indeed, St. John's new bylaws recommend the staggering of terms as a plan for smooth succession. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Wardens or Rector.



COMMUNITY ROOTS

Day Camp

Where: at St. John's Anglican Church

When: July 6th - 10th

Who: Campers are aged 6-12 yrs old; volunteers are all ages (19+)

Community Roots creates a FREE, fun, faith-based experience for kids and builds connections in our community across the generations

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Head to our website for more details, to sign up as a volunteer, or to register campers:

<https://www.stjohnsanglicanchurchwolfville.ca/>



The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of
David Doake from Diana and Raja.