

Sunday May 12th 2024

Ascension Sunday

Anglican Parish of Lantz



Our Mission

*To be a diverse ministering community
making Christ's presence known in the world around us.*

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30 St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement

11:00 Christ Church: 14 Church St., Lantz

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath

Rev'd Patty McKenna

Our Worship Today

We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq who have been living on these lands since time immemorial. Recognizing this is a small but meaningful step in reconciliation and the continued efforts of building a strong Nation-to-Nation relationship, as we are all Treaty People.

Call to Worship: (standing)

Holy One, Heart of Heaven, your grace enfolds us.

Your Word creates us, and we rejoice in you.

You are in us, and we are in you.

Risen Christ, you have been raised to rule all things.

You reign over us in love, and with grace you embrace us.

You are in us, and we are in you.

Holy Spirit, you live in each of us, giving us one shared life.

With your people in all nations and traditions, languages and lifestyles, we are one. And we praise you as one people.

Alleluia! You are in us, and we are in you.

Come, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

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.**

Opening Hymn: All hail The Power of Jesus' Name (CP # 321)

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe
responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

**4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

The Collect:

Eternal God, you sent us Christ – who lived among us, located in time and space. Give us faith to behold, in every time and space, the Christ – whose love raises us from death, whose presence gives us life. Resurrecting God, lead us onward.
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

Risen Christ, you are no longer in one time or place, but in every time and place. You are here. You are in us. We are in you. We open our hearts to your loving presence.

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23)
(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

**He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted. Amen

The Gradual: *(3x: quietly and then louder and louder)*

**Christ has died, Alleluia / Christ is risen, Alleluia
Christ will come again, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel: God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke (24:44-53)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(After the reading) The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Confession of Faith (Iona)

We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of humans in all their glorious diversity.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

Prayers of the People:

We pray for the church, the world, our community, and those known to us, remembering especially those in particular need. We respond to each petition saying, 'Let your Kingdom come'

Confession & Absolution:

Call to Confession:

God of grace, we confess how small we imagine you;
yet you are infinite, your presence mysterious.
We confess we pretend to understand Jesus; yet he exceeds our grasp.
We confess we want Jesus for ourselves;
yet he has ascended, enlarged beyond our time and place.
We confess how small our faith is.
Open our hearts, God, to your infinite greatness, and your mystery.
We repent of our certainty. Give us faith instead.

Confession:

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.

Assurance of Pardon:

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

Celebrations:

We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favour, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Exchanging of the Peace:

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour (CP# 84)

1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
first-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
liftest up Thy people's head.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Jesus, true and living Bread!

2 Prince of Life, for us Thou livest,
by Thy body souls are healed;
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest,
by Thy blood is pardon sealed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Word of God in flesh revealed.

3 Paschal Lamb! Thine off'ring finished
once for all when Thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

4 Great High Priest of our profession,
thro' the veil Thou ent'redst in;
by Thy mighty intercession
grace and mercy Thou dost win.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Only sacrifice for sin.

5 Life-imparting heav'nly Manna,
stricken Rock, with streaming side,
heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
worship Thee, the Lamb who died.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

Prayer over the Gifts:

Generous God, make us generous in your image.

Make us compassionate in your image. Make us faithful in your image.

Bless these gifts and all the gifts we offer, that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (ACC: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise;
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of
your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and
saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new
creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness
to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was
near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered
together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this
all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for
many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we
bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,

that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

We died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you. **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to share in the bread and/or the wine. People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion.

Announcements:

As Jesus calls us as disciples, God sends us out to serve others in the world. Let us share with one another the events of our parish and community this week.

Closing Prayers: *Standing, let us return our thanks to God.*

God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As wheat is gathered and made into one loaf, so we have been made one in Christ's love. As bread rises, Christ has risen into a new form, and is alive in us. Send us now as the Body of Christ, moved by the Spirit of Christ, to join in the loving work of Christ, for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

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:

Go in the peace of Christ, to witness to his love in truth and action each day. And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit, and embraced by the presence of Jesus the Christ. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise (CP# 247)

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!
- 2 There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!
- 3 Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!
- 4 Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!
- 5 There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you. Alleluia!

Dismissal:

Let us go out as people open to the way of the Christ – walking in the footsteps of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements – see insert available at the back of the church.

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