

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



### **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

## **Call to Worship:**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed -- Alleluia**

We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

**Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.**

We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

**Doubts can be eased and uncertainty turned to faith.**

Let us rejoice and be glad!

**We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.**

God of new life, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him. We marvel at your constant love, your victory over death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every time and place. Fill us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and grant us your peace through Christ, our Pattern and our Purpose. **Amen.**

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 People That on Earth Do Dwell**

**All people that on Earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.**

## **The Collect:**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of justice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all life. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

**O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now, so that as your Word is read and preached, we might hear, understand, and believe. Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word:**

**The First Reading:** A Reading from the Book of Acts (2:14a, 22-32)

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

## **The Second Reading: Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

**God will not abandon me to the grave.**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

**God will not abandon me to the grave.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**God will not abandon me to the grave.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

**God will not abandon me to the grave.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

**God will not abandon me to the grave.**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**God will not abandon me to the grave. Amen**

## **The Gospel:**

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

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to John (20:19-31)

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

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

**Sermon:** *Heather/Felicity*

**Easter Creed** (*Andreas Wagner*):

**We believe in the God of Easter morning**

**Who awakes us from our darkest dreams**

**And leads us into the light of a new day,**

**Who meets our pessimism with the stunning hope**

**Of angelic proclamation.**

**We believe in the God of Easter Day**

**Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives**

**And empties the dark tomb for us;**

**Who appears in surprising ways when we least expect it;**

**Walking with us on our detours.**

**We believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into the prisons of our world and our minds,  
Holding us in our fear and bringing peace.**

**And we believe in the risen Christ who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
Who grants us his spirit,  
Sending us out to bring Peace to the world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People:** *As we make our petitions, we respond to 'Lord, in Your mercy' with 'hear our prayer'.*

### **Confession & Absolution:**

O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us. **Amen**

### **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.**

### **Words of Forgiveness:**

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 Jesus the Christ. **Amen**

### **Celebrations:**

**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 you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy. Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

# The Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn: We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke -- But we believe him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke -- But we believe him near

## Prayer over the Gifts:

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death  
had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection.  
Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings  
into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love.  
We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us  
to proclaim and embody the gospel. 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.**

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

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

**Music at Communion: I Am the Vine**

**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:**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus the Christ. **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:**

May you know that you are loved beyond measure. May you see that you are valued more than gold. May you hear that your name is called beloved. May you touch the Divine in the mundane and the ordinary. May you, all of you, even the parts you hide, be filled with God's deep and abiding love, knowing that in you, God is delighted to dwell.

## **Closing Hymn: Forth in Thy Name**

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in-most substance see,  
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.**

**For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

## **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:**

## **What Do We Need to Know?**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 PETER 1:17-23; LUKE 24:13-35

## **Events this Week and Upcoming:**

- **Choir Practice:** Our next practice will be Thu Apr 16<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church.
- **Men's Guild:** Our next meeting will be Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am @ St. George's
- **Saturday Music Jam:** The next jam will be Sat May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3pm at St. George's
- **Food Bank Sunday:** Our next Food Bank Collection Sunday is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Upcoming Services:** *service dates not listed, will be at the regular times and locations*

- **Apr 19<sup>th</sup>:** one service at St George's @10 am followed by coffee. (St. George's Day)
- **May 24<sup>th</sup>:** one service at Christ Church @ 10am followed by coffee (Pentecost)

## **- Prayer Ministry - Prayer Chain**

If you, or someone you know would like to be put on the prayer list, please send information to carolyn.mcnally@ns.sympatico.ca

## **Read Your Bible:**

Mon- 1 Cor. 15:12-28

Tue- Jonah 1

Wed- Jonah 2

Thu- Jonah 3

Fri- Jonah 4

Sat- Isaiah 25:1-12

Sun- Isaiah 26:1-12

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**World:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Diocese:** -St. George's, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

-Strait-Chedabucto, Nova Scotia

St. James', Melford

St. Andrew's, Mulgrave

Holy Trinity, Port Hawkesbury

## **Contact Information**

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**While Rev. Jane is off, please contact Rev. Patty for pastoral emergencies.**