

Sunday July 7th 2024
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Anglican Parish of Lantz



St. Georges Church
Dutch Settlement

Christ Church
Lantz

Our Mission

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

Summer Sunday Morning Worship

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

Parish Clergy

Rev'd Dr. Jane Magrath

Rev'd Patty McKenna

Lay Team

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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)*

Great is the LORD; and **greatly to be praised.**

Praise God in cities and towns, **praise God in all quiet places.**

Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

Praise God in every valley, on every plain and in the deeps.

Let us raise our praise with all God's creation;

We will praise God's holy name, here and everywhere, now and always.

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised.

You have made all things and called them good.

You created humans in your image, and gave us a calling and a purpose.

You lift up leaders and send out disciples

to take part in your reconciling work in the world.

Your love is endless, your mercy without measure.

And so we praise you with heart, mind, strength and soul,

in the name of Jesus, your Son, blessed by your Spirit,

working in us, with us, around us and beyond us. **Amen**

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: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness,

And all these things Shall be added unto you, Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia

The Collect:

Guardian of the weak, turn the place we live into strongholds of your grace, temples of your presence, and citadels of your justice;

so that the most vulnerable and most powerful

may find peace in the strong name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

God of wisdom and warning, we long to hear your word for our times and our lives. By the power of your Spirit, open the Scriptures for us. Prepare us to be challenged and changed as we encounter Christ, your Living Word. Amen

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2 COR 12:2-10)

(After the reading)

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

The Psalm: Psalm 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; in the city of our God is his holy hill. Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, the very centre of the world and the city of the great king.

God is in her citadels; he is known to be her sure refuge.

God shall be our guide for evermore.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

God shall be our guide for evermore.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; your right hand is full of justice.

God shall be our guide for evermore.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements. Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers.

God shall be our guide for evermore.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore.

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The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark
(6:1-13)

(After the reading)

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Sermon

Confession of Faith (UCC)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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 the petition, 'Give us your grace' with, 'to hear your word with joy'.

Confession & Absolution:

Call to Confession:

God of overflowing grace, we confess we often take your blessing for granted.

Forgetting life is a precious gift, we waste time on things that don't matter.

We complain when things don't go our way, ignoring those who face even steeper challenges. Forgive us, O God.

Renew our calling to share your abundant love and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus – our pattern and our purpose.

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 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.**

Offertory Hymn: Spirit Divine Attend our Prayers (646)

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make our hearts your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light; to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe,
And lead us in those paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole life an off'ring be
To our Redeemer's name.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

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.*

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:

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.....and the God of peace will be with you." (Phil.4:v8-9)

Closing Hymn: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen

Dismissal:

Go forth in the power of the spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Parish Notices and Announcements

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19; PSALM 24; EPHESIANS 1:3-14; MARK 6:14-29

Weekly Wisdom: "Don't let people pull you into their storm. Pull them into your peace." Kimberly Jones

Events this Week:

- **Summer Service Hours:** To ease the Summer heat, there will be one service at 09:30 for the summer months. The service will be at St, George's for the month of July and Christ Church for the month of August (including the service on 01 Sep). Normal service hours and locations will resume after Labour Day.