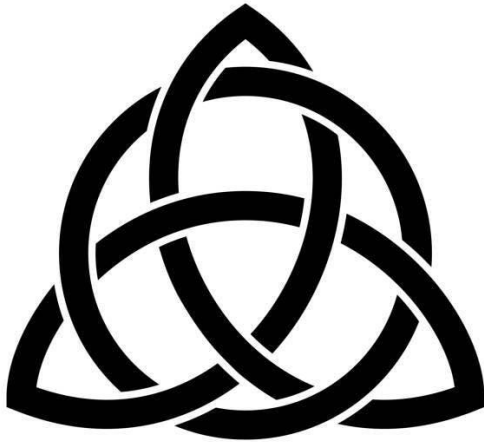


Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Trinity 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)*

Eternal God, we praise you!

**Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

**You are present, you are holy, and we worship you.**

Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.**

Eternal God, Holy Trinity, bless us as we worship.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

Mystery of God, enfold us.

Body of Mercy, lay your hand upon us.

Breath of God, move in us.

Energy of Love, re-create us.

Word of Truth, speak to us.

Fire of joy, burn in us.

We worship in gratitude and awe.

### **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:** *Holy Holy Holy*

**1 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!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**

**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**

**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**

**who wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**4 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 Collect**

Holy One, whose fingers sculpted sun and moon; Holy Spirit, who brooded over the waters of creation; How Word, who lives in us; may we share in your grace, love and communion, so that we may live in your likeness; for you live in unity and diversity, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

**Eternal One, you contain us.  
Loving One, you come to us.  
Life-Giving One, you empower us.  
In your mystery we open ourselves;  
in your presence we listen;  
in your love we are ready.**

## **Proclamation of the Word:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** A Reading from the Book of Genesis (1:1-2:4a)

*(After the reading)*

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

## **Psalm 8:**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark  
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

**all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen**

### **The Gospel:**

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

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Matthew (28:16-20):  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(After the reading)

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Sermon**

#### **Statement of Faith:**

**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, he died 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,**  
**and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,**  
**life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,**  
**source of 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. As we share our prayers, we respond to “God of mystery and compassion” with “**you know us and you love us**”.*

## **Confession & Absolution:**

### **Call to Confession:**

O God, even as we celebrate your unity,  
we know that sometimes  
we forget the beauty of your three persons.  
We hold to your transcendent life as Creator  
and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ.  
We bow before your glory  
and keep your humanness away  
from the reality of our own lives.

Sometimes, we are tempted to think that we know  
all that there is to know, Holy Trinity,  
closing ourselves off from ideas which others offer  
and neglecting to search for even deeper truths.

And so, together, we pray:

### **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.**

### **Absolution:**

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: For the Beauty of Earth**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

**Refrain:**

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4 For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

## **Prayer over the Gifts:**

*The gifts of bread and wine, together with the offering of our means, are presented with prayer:*

God of all creation, all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
so that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our pattern and our purpose. Amen.

## **Eucharist**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is good to give God our praise.**

We thank you, God, for in the beginning  
you spoke your Word and all Creation came into being,  
all things, all living beings, one in your Word.  
You have claimed all your children in love and made us siblings;  
you saved us all together on one ark;  
you set us all free, judging all powers of oppression;  
we have all passed through the same Red Sea.  
You make a home for us, a promised land,  
a fertile planet for all living beings.

In the Spirit of Christ you gather us as one people, one Body;  
we are part of one another, and made whole in one another.  
And so with all your children we gather at this table.  
With all Creation and the whole company of heaven  
we sing your praise with one voice.

**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.**

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,  
who embodied your love for us:  
in his teaching and healing he made whole bodies that were sick, families that  
were broken, communities that were divided.  
He gathered all around one table— the powerful and the outcast, the esteemed  
and the condemned, and fed us from one loaf.

On the night in which he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke  
it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”  
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, blessed it with thanks and  
gave it to them, saying, “Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood,  
poured out for you and for many, in a new Covenant, which is the forgiveness of  
sin.” As long as we break this bread and share this cup we remember his death  
and resurrection, until he comes again.

Jesus invited us to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection.  
Crucified and risen, he ascended from one time and place  
into all times and places.

He gave us all his Spirit, making us one body in him,  
promising that we would be in him, and he in us,  
so that we would be one in you.

Whenever we break this bread and share this cup  
we remember his death and resurrection until he comes again.  
Remembering these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God,  
and on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood and made one in his Spirit

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. Please note that drops of the wine are placed on the bread – so you will want to hold onto your bread if you would like to share in the wine. People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion

**Music at Communion:** *This is My Father's World*

## **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.*

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In gratitude, we give you our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Send us into the world, radiant with your mystery, alive with your Spirit, aflame with your love, to be your disciples and to make disciples of others. Be with us always, to the end of the age. **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:**

Eternal One, enfold us in your mystery. Loving One, make us whole in your grace. Present One, empower us for lives of mercy and justice, in the name of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn:**

**Refrain:**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

**1 Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**

**2** The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

**3** The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

**4** God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

***Dismissal:***

Let us go out into the world, to serve God by serving others. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# Parish Notices and Announcements

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

World: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria  
Diocese: St. Peter's, Birch Cove, Nova Scotia  
The Reverend Arran Thorpe and Charmaine

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:1-12; Rom 4:13-25; Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

## **Read Your Bible:**

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| Mon- Mat 3:13-17 | Tue- Mat 7:1-14       | Wed- Mat 7:15-29 |
| Thu- Mat 8:1-21  | Fri- Mat 8:22-9:8     | Sat- Mat 9:18-34 |
|                  | Sun- Acts 12:21-13:12 |                  |

**Weekly Wisdom:** *Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. Life wants to lead you from crumbs to angels, but this can happen only if you are willing to unwrap the ordinary by staying with it long enough to harvest its treasure. — Macrina Wiederkehr, A Tree Full of Angels*

## **Events this Week:**

**Food Bank-** The first Sunday of the month is food bank Sunday

**Jam Session-** Our next Jam session will be on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm @ Christ Church

## **Upcoming Events:**

**St. George's 150<sup>th</sup> Meeting-** Mon 12 Jun, 1-3 pm @ St. George's

**Lasagna Take Out-** is planned for Thurs. June 15. The meal will consist of lasagna, caesar salad and garlic bread. The price of the meal remains the same at \$15. Pick up time will be at Christ Church- 3:00-5:30. If you are able to donate and/or would like to order a meal, donation sheets and order forms will be available at each church.

## **Contact Information**

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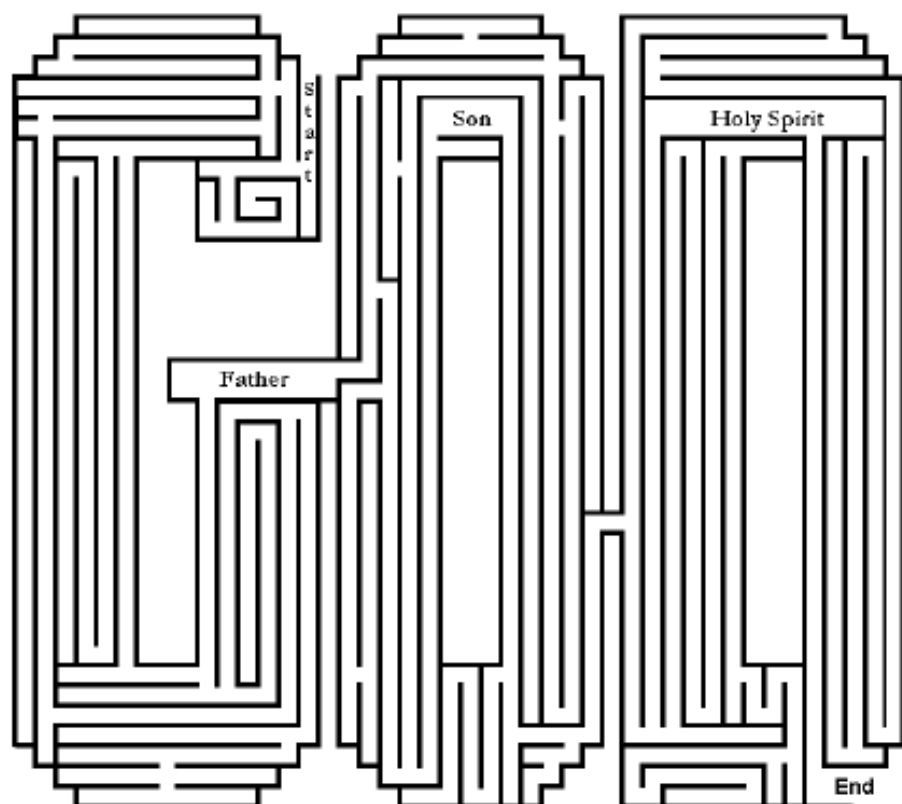
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# The Three in One

Trying to understand the relationships between Father, Son and Holy Spirit can for some people be just as confusing as a maze. But here's a start:



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