

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
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

## **Call to Worship:** *(standing)*

In all times and in all places, God is with us.

**God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.**

In all times and in all places, God calls us to turn to him

**God speaks within us – a still small voice of truth**

Shout for joy!

**Sing praises to God!**

God of all creation, we marvel at all the detail and grandeur you call into being. You tend the fragile beauty and balance in the world, receiving praise from the depths of the sea to the tops of the mountains. You have seen your Church grow from tiny beginnings into a worldwide community, full of diversity in voice and vocation. Open our eyes to your purposes for each of us and all of us, and for the Church in every location. Awaken us with insights from your Holy Spirit and show us how to fulfill your will. **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: All Praise to Thee (CP# 387)**

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield your glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored:  
Alleluia!

## **The Collect:**

God of the unexpected, you take what is old and make it new, and what is dead and bring it to life; you take our false expectations and transform them into your truth. Help us to accept the challenge of your call, so that, trusting in your promise, we journey by faith in Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

Loving God, our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning. Send your Spirit to open your Word for us, so that we will hear your voice and follow Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

## **Proclamation of the Word:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** A Reading from the First Book of Samuel (8: 4-20)

*(After the reading)*

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

## **The Psalm: 138**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness: **The Lord will make good his purpose for me.**

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. **The Lord will make good his purpose for me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. **The Lord will make good his purpose for me.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. **The Lord will make good his purpose for me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **Amen**

## **The Gospel:**

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

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark (3:20-35)

**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 that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We believe in a with-us God, who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into  
vulnerability, and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge; to choose abundant life,  
and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. 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 will be done'*

## **Confession & Absolution:**

### **Call to Confession:**

God of purpose and possibility,  
you give us work to do and the skills we need to do it.  
Yet we prefer to follow our own ways. We think we know better.  
Forgive our stubborn natures.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in us a teachable spirit  
so we can learn new ways to serve you.

### **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: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (CP#592)**

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where cries of tribe and race resound,  
amid the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ your word of love is found.

From children's wounded helplessness,  
from men and women's grief and toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

O Jesus, from the mountainside,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.

## **Prayer over the Gifts:**

The growth around us in field and garden speak of God's abundant love. What we offer to God this day spreads that abundance to those in need. God of growing gardens and growing hope, receive our gifts and our gratitude this day. Bless what we bring and what we do, so that we become expressions of your abundant love, 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:**

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: God of Grace and God of Glory (CP# 577)**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
now fulfill your Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places  
Gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight for liberty  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we fail ourselves and thee  
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

### ***Dismissal:***

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

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### **Parish Notices and Announcements:** *see insert at back of church*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20; 2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17;  
Mk 4:26-34

**Weekly Wisdom:** *"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."* Mother Teresa