

Sunday March 31st 2024

Easter 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)*

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed -- Alleluia

The darkness is gone!

Bright light floods into this new day of hope.

Those who went to the tomb received good news.

Christ was not there!

Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!

Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

Gathering:

God of the bright and morning star,

God of the rising sun,

God of darkness banished,

we praise and worship you!

We thank you for empty tombs,

For disciples running with good news,

For the presence of Christ, alive, powerful, resurrected.

Help us to grasp *resurrection*;

to understand its power,

to see its force at work in our world,

overturning evil empires,

softening the hearts within us,

moving the world slowly, forcefully,

bending us towards love and truth and justice.

On this day of great gladness

empower us to be your ambassadors,

proclaiming good news.

Help us to be that good news,

walking softly on this good earth

caring gently for all people,

living hopefully into your kingdom. **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.

The Summary of the Law:

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. Amen

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

The Collect:

God of new creation, from the womb of earth you raised the Lord of life: may we receive the word of women who braved the soldier's spears and met him in the dawning light; may we live with morning joy so that love may never die; though Jesus the Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (25:6-9)

(After the reading)

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

The 2nd Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts (10:34-43)

(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

Christ has died, Alleluia

Christ has 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 John (20:1-18):

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(After the reading)

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

Sermon:

Easter Creed *(Andreas Wagner):*

I 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.

I 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.

I 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 I 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 Shalom to the world. 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, 'He is risen indeed, Alleluia.'

Confession & Absolution:

Call to Confession

God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us and more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence. In stillness and in silence, let us acknowledge the ways we have been separated from the richness of all you have called us to be.

We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection.

In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed, and chaos is celebrated and normalized, we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope.

Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you, we trust that not even death can separate us from you and the creative ways you show your love for us.

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 rebirth forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ. Know that you are washed anew in his rising; be at peace; and live in the everlasting love of God. 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: Yours Be the Glory

**Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won;
angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay.
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

**See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting.
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without you: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory over death you won.**

Prayer over the Gifts:

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

The gifts that we bring to this community compound and create resurrection power, helping us to awaken wholeness in the broken, strength in the weakened, and liberation for all living in the midst of injustice. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer for Easter

**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, Holy Love, Holy Wonder: out of silence and emptiness, you created the heavens and the earth. The oceans sing your praise. The rivers chant your glory. The whole earth hums with your song of life, your song of love. Through all generations, you have sustained your people with new life, new hope: Out of Abraham and Sarah's ending, you brought a new beginning; you made promises, you granted laughter, you brought forth descendants to continue your story. Out of the deathly power of oppression and slavery, you brought freedom. You liberated your people and blessed them with water, bread, wine. Out of communities of fear and sin and shame, you raised prophets to reflect the truth and offer hope. Therefore, we join our voices to the universal song of praise, singing:

**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.**

In your great compassion for all people, you sent Jesus, to bring everyone out of the tomb of hatred and sin and into the life of your love. He fully embodied your compassion, your love, your justice. 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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine; so that the endless love of Jesus the Christ may dwell in us and flow from us – so that we might be filled with the joy and hope of the resurrection. 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 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.*

Draw us forth, God of all creation.

Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love.

Give us the capacity to, even for a moment, taste the richness of the feast you give us.

Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts.

Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter. **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 now, with wonder at the empty tomb to amaze you, with the joy Mary felt in the garden to lift your hearts, and the disciples' hope at news Jesus had risen to encourage you.

And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, empowered by the Spirit and led by Jesus the Christ, **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Living Christ

Living Christ, bring us love,
love for every stranger;
Living Christ, bring us love,
love from cross and manger.

Living Christ, bring us joy,
joy of earth and heaven;
Living Christ, bring us joy,
joy of sin forgiven.

Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace with God and neighbour;
Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace in all our labour.

Living Christ, bring us love,
love shared at your table;
Living Christ, bring us love,
love from cross and stable.

Living Christ, lead us out,
out to tell the story;
living Christ, lead us out,
out to show your glory.

Dismissal:

Let us go out as people of the resurrection -- shining in and with the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Easter Memorials

We remember our loved ones, with contributions towards our altar flowers

From Kenny & Patty McKenna: In memory of loved ones.

From Georgina Penney:
In loving memory of her husband, Maxwell
& of her friend, Freeman Abbott

From Joanna Lundrigan:
In loving memory of William & Lenora Lundrigan

From Wendy Carroll & Jane Magrath:
In loving memory of Wendell Carroll,
Jean Kimpton, Catherine Innes-Parker

From Elaine Stoddart:
In loving memory of her husband, Albert

From Robert Carroll, Susan, & Mark:
In loving memory of Pat Carroll

From Chris & Rob Scott:
In loving memory of Mom & Dad, David & Don Hallett;
Bill & Shirley Scott, Betty Bernard, Myrtle Coffell

Always in our hearts



*May light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Parish Notices and Announcements

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

World: **The Church in the Province of the West Indies**
Easter Day - Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

Diocese: **Seaforth, Nova Scotia**
The Rev'd Canon LCol Beverly Kean Newhook, Priest-In-Charge &
Rev'd Canon LCol. Dennis Newhook
The Rev'd Fred Grainger, Associate Parish Priest
St. James', Seaforth

Tangier, Nova Scotia

The Rev'd Debra Burleson, Priest-in-Charge, and Chris
Holy Trinity, Tangier *St. Thomas', Mooseland*
St. James', Spry Bay *St. Paul's, Mushaboom*
St. Andrew's, Spry Harbour *St. Peter's, Murphy Cove*

Read Your Bible:

Mon- Isaiah 25:1-9	Tue- Psalms 133-134	Wed- Psalm 135
Thu- Psalm 136	Fri- John 20:1-18	Sat- John 20:19-31
	Sun- 1 John 1:1-2:2	

Weekly Wisdom: *"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."* — Rainer Maria Rilke

Events this Week:

-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

-Monday Music Jam- Next Jam will be Mon Apr 1st from 1-3 pm downstairs at Christ Church

- Meditation: Wed Apr 3rd @ 1:30pm at Felicity's

- Food Bank Sunday- The first Sunday of the month, 07 Apr, is Food Bank Sunday

- St George's 150th Committee: Next meeting will be Tue 02 Apr at St George's @ 1 pm.

St. George's 150th Anniversary Information:

- The 150th celebration will be held on April 21, 2024 at St. George's @ 11 am with a luncheon to follow.

- The Bishop will be attending along with past clergy and other special guests

- a Book of St. George's from 1874-2024 will be available for anyone who wants one to take home

- Old pictures: there will be a box at the back of the church for you to put them in. Please put your name on the back of the photo.

Ways to Give: To make it easier for folk to give to our churches and cemeteries, especially if they are not regular envelope or PAR people, we have an account with *Canada Helps*. If folk go to the website and search for Lantz or Dutch Settlement, etc, our page will appear – and people can donate from there. A tax receipt comes directly from *Canada Helps*. Here's the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119077170RR0002-parish-of-christ-church/>

And we also have a handy QR code:



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