

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 8th, 2022



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.*

## **Sunday Morning Worship**

8:00 and 11:00 (Christ Church: 14 Church St., Lantz)  
9:30 (St. George's Church: 1089 Highway 277, Dutch Settlement)

## **Parish Office**

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## **Web Presence**

[www.parihoflantz.ca](http://www.parihoflantz.ca) OR Anglican Parish of Lantz on Facebook

## **Parish Clergy**

Rt Rev'd Sandra Fyfe, Diocesan Bishop  
Rev'd Lorraine Street, Priest-in-Charge  
Rev'd Patty McKenna, retired

# Our Worship Today

During the Covid-19 pandemic some limitations may be placed on our gatherings by the Bishop and Department of Health. We will continue to update this information on a regular basis.

- Please be mindful of distancing. Pews are no longer marked but please do not impose yourself on other people's space. When coming forward to receive communion, please be mindful of your spacing from others.

- Masks are not mandatory but remain strongly recommended.

***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.***

*Welcome to all! The texts of our services are based on those printed in the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) and our hymns are found in the blue Common Praise (CP) or as noted. Our traditions are rooted in almost 2000 years of Christian history, but our expressions of prayer and praise are contemporary. You are invited to participate as you are able, and share in communion at the Lord's Table as you feel called. Our clergy or greeters will happily assist you in any way that we can!*

# **We gather in God's name** *(Greeting one another-standing)*

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Presider: Almighty God

**All: 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.**

## *Glory to God*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## *The Collect (prayer of the Day) is said by the Presider*

Presider: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **We proclaim God's Word** *(Seated, we listen and respond to scripture)*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts 9:36-43

(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Gathering: Thanks be to God.**

*After the first reading, a responsive passage (Psalm 23) is offered to help us think about the reading.*

Psalm Refrain: **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation to John (7:9-17)

(After the Reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Gathering: Thanks be to God.**

*We welcome the Gospel with singing (CP #445), and stand facing the Gospel Book as a sign of reverence and respect.*

**God the Creator you in love made me  
Who once was nothing but now have grown  
I bring the best of all my life offers  
For you I share whatever I own**

**O Christ the Saviour you I love called me  
Who once was no one lost and alone  
I pledge to go wherever you summon  
Making your will and purpose my own**

**And with the people summoned together  
To be the church in which faith is sown  
I make my promise to live for Jesus  
And let the world know all are his own**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**Gathering: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:22-30)

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

(After the reading)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**Gathering: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*A homily or reflection on the deepens our understanding and helps us think more about the readings.*

## **We respond in faith, hope and love**

*We recite an affirmation of our faith (Nicene Creed)*

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*Prayers of the community. 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, **Hear our prayer.***

*We recall with sorrow our sins and offenses that separate us from God and one another.*

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Presider: Most merciful God,  
**All:** **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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We celebrate special occasions in the lives our parish family*

**All:** **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.**

*With the Exchange of the Peace we share a gesture of love and reconciliation with one another.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All:** **And also with you.**

## **We celebrate Eucharist together**

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

**All:** **God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen**

*Eucharistic Prayer 5 (BAS)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
for the gift of a world full of wonder,  
and for our life which comes from you.  
By your power you sustain the universe.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever**

Presider: You created us to love you with all our heart,  
and to love each other as ourselves,  
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.  
In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world  
and gather us into one great family.  
Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,  
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**All: 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.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,  
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us  
you showed us how much you love us.  
He cares for the poor and the hungry.  
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back  
but overcame hatred with love.  
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.  
By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love  
to bring new life to all your people.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever**

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me."

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever**

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of bread, and share in the life  
of the family of your children.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever**

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.  
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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.**

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

*As the community of the Christ, we share in communion. A reflective silence or a hymn during which the vessels are cleansed may take place.*

## **We go out into the world**

Leader: 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.

*Announcements: we share our ministry together in the news and events of our parish and community.*

Presider: Standing, let us return our thanks to God. (*We respond with the Prayer after communion and the Doxology*).

Presider: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God

**All: 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.**

*A concluding hymn dismisses us. (CP#520)*

**The King of love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if am his  
And he is mine for ever**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed  
But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid  
And home, rejoicing, brought me**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me**

**Presider:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go out into the world to love  
and serve God by loving and serving others.

**Gathering:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

# Parish Notices and Announcements

## Cycle of Prayer

World: - **Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**  
Diocese: - **St. Luke's, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**  
(The Reverend Matthew Sponagle and Katie)  
- **St. John's, Westphal, Nova Scotia**  
(The Reverend Gary Barr)

## Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading - Acts 11:1-18                      Second Reading - Revelation 21:1-6  
Gospel Reading – John 13:31-35

## Read Your Bible

Monday – Acts 11:1-18	Tuesday – Acts 11:19-30
Wednesday – Psalm 148	Thursday – Revelation 21:1-21
Friday – John 13:16-35	Saturday – Acts 1:12-26
Sunday – Isaiah 12	

## Weekly Wisdom

When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves. (William Arthur Ward)

## Events this Week

- Wed 11 May: Meditation at Felicity's at 1:30 pm

## Upcoming

- Tuesday 17 May: Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm – St. Georges  
- The first Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday

# Sister Acts

The Acts of the Apostles tell us not just about Peter and Paul, but also about some interesting women – though they look a bit confused here. But the hints below should help you with that:

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3. PAHIPRAS 

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1. She was with the apostles in the room upstairs (Acts 1).
2. She was a dealer of purple cloth (Acts 16).
3. Together with her husband Ananias she withheld money from the church (Acts 5).
4. She answered the door when Peter was knocking (Acts 12).
5. She and Aquila had been expelled from Rome (Acts 18).
6. Tabitha's Greek name

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## EYES HAVE MEMORY CHIP



Yes, and it's called a 'brain'!

Use yours to figure out which statement that Jesus makes in today's gospel has been scrambled here!

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