

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

## **Ascension 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

**Clergy of the Day:** *Rev'd Carl Fraser*

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

Our God reigns! Robed with majesty and armed with strength,  
God holds our world and our lives securely.

**This is the God to whom we have given our lives—  
the God who deserves our worship and our praise!**

Risen Christ, you are no longer in one time or place, but in every time and place.  
You are here. You are in us. We are in you. We open our hearts to your loving  
presence. **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: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing; of him who set us free,  
and hail him as your heavenly king, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife, for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing; who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the risen host on high,  
creator of the rolling spheres, all master of all time.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;  
your praise and glory shall not fail; throughout eternity.

## **The Collect**

God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us  
ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending  
of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. Amen.

## **Prayer for Illumination:**

God of Wisdom, **send your Holy Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your  
Word in Scripture. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow  
Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen**

## **Proclamation of the Word:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** A Reading from the Book of Acts (1:1-11)  
(After the reading) Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 47:**

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**  
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**  
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**  
For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.  
**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**  
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted. Amen**

## **The Gospel:**

God be with you. **And also with you.**  
The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke (24:44-53):  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
(After the reading) The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon: Rev'd Carl**

### **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, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and 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 throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all 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 make our petitions, we  
respond to 'Holy God' with '**hear our prayer.**'

## **Confession & Absolution:**

### **Call to Confession:**

God of grace, we confess how small we imagine you; yet you are infinite, your presence mysterious. We confess we pretend to understand Jesus; yet he exceeds our grasp. We confess we want Jesus for ourselves; yet he has ascended, enlarged beyond our time and place. We confess how small our faith is. Open our hearts, God, to your infinite greatness, and your mystery.

We repent of our certainty. Give us faith instead. Amen

### **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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Celebrations:**

**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.

May this Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus** *(no intro!)*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;**

**Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood.**

**Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now;**

**Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.**

**Though the cloud from sight received him, When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?**

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful, Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me  
Where the songs of all the sinless, Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil, hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim, In the Eucharistic feast!

### **Prayer over the Gifts:**

Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in these gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. You are our sovereign; your love, embodied in Christ, reigns over all the world. Send us in humility and awe, in love and courage, to serve you, for the sake of the healing of the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. 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**

*People are invited to sit while awaiting Communion*

*Music at Communion: You are the Light*

## **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.*

God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. As wheat is gathered and made into one loaf, so we have been made on in Christ's love. As bread rises, Christ has risen into a new form, and is alive in us. Send us now as the Body of Christ, moved by the Spirit of Christ, to join in the loving work of Christ, for the healing of the world. 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 as witnesses to our Lord Jesus, risen and ascended, and bear his love and mercy wherever you go. Trust that the Holy Spirit is your companion. And may the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you a spirit of wisdom, and fill you with the hope to which you are called as God's beloved. And the blessing of God almighty, In whom we live and move and have our being, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn: Christ Has Ascended  
(Tune: Morning Has Broken)**

Christ, you have gone now -- into all Being,  
into all people, all time and space.  
Open our eyes, then, that we may see you  
risen and living, shining with grace.

Christ you have changed now, hidden in daylight,  
always before us, here in plain sight.  
We look not skyward, but to our neighbor,  
every face shining with God's pure light.

Christ, in your love you rule all creation;  
justice and mercy shine as you rise.  
We are your Body, breathing your Spirit,  
light of your rising clear in our eyes.

**Dismissal:**

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

# **Parish Notices and Announcements:**

## **What Do We Need to Know?**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:1-21; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:3-13; John 7:37-39).

## **Events this Week and Upcoming:**

- **Choir Practice:** Our next practice will be Thu May 21<sup>st</sup> at Christ Church.
- **May 24<sup>th</sup>:** one service at Christ Church @ 10am followed by coffee (Pentecost)  
Also, to celebrate the close of Sunday School for the summer, there will be a special performance to close our service.
- **Men's Guild:** Our next meeting will be Sat Jun 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am @ St. George's
- **Saturday Music Jam:** The next jam will be Sat Jun 6<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm at Christ Church
- **Food Bank Sunday:** Our next Food Bank Collection Sunday is Jun 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Read Your Bible:**

Mon- 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tue- 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wed- Psalm 99

Thu- Acts 2:1-13

Fri- Luke 11:9-13

Sat- Luke 12:8-12

Sun- Numbers 11:24-30

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

**World:** *The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

**Diocese:** *-Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia*

*-Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia*

*St. Peter's, Eastern Passage*

*Christ Church, Cow Bay*

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