

Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday November 20, 2022



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, Rector

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.

Welcome to all. The texts of our services are based on those printed in the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) and most of 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.

Gathering: (*Greeting one another- standing*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you

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: *This is the Day that the Lord has Made*

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it; and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

This is the world, this is the world
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it; and be glad in it.
This is the world that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the world, this is the world
That the Lord has made.

**These are the folk, these are the folk
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad with them; and be glad with them.
These are the folk that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad with them.
These are the folk, these are the folk
That the Lord has made.**

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

God of unbroken weakness,
you scorn our lust for power.
Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ,
crucified and victorious,
in whose authority we dare to speak your truth, even in the face of injustice and death. **Amen**

Proclamation of the Word:

The First Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (23:1-6)

(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: (read responsively)

CANTICLE 19, BAS (LUKE 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

REFRAIN The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

REFRAIN The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

REFRAIN The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

REFRAIN The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

The Second Reading:

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:11-20)

(After the reading)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shining bright in this old world
I'm gonna let it shine
Shining bright in this old world
I'm gonna let it shine
Shining bright in this old world
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Gospel:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Luke (23:33-43)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(After the reading)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

Affirmation of Faith: (Standing)

With the whole church

We affirm that we are made in God's image,

Befriended by Christ,

Empowered by the Spirit

With people everywhere

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity

Planted more deeply than all that is wrong

With all creation

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;

The unfolding purposes of God,

forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen

Prayers of the People:

*Standing, 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.***

Confession & Absolution:

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.

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit,
living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be
is known to you.
In the very secret of our hearts
you know all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame, burn into us.
Cleansing wind, blow through us.
Fountain of water, well up within us;
that we may love and praise
in deed and in truth. 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:

We share a Covid-safe gesture of love and reconciliation with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Eucharist:

Offertory Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.**

Prayer over the Gifts:

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

Each of us is a fragile miracle,
evidence of God's creative hands,
and amazing grace.
We are each unique,
unrepeatable gifts to the world.
We are proof of God's love.
And so we who are the gifts of creation
now give gifts to our Creator.
Gifts brought in love. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer for Children (Rev. Canon Trudy Lebens)

May God be among us.
God's Spirit is with us now.

Let us lift our hearts.
May the world be filled with joy.

Let us rejoice in God's gift of Jesus.
We rejoice and give thanks.

Presider: Loving God, we give you thanks. In the beginning, you made the world with all the creatures of land and sea and air. You taught us stories that would help us to be steady and faithful – like the ground we walk on.

You bless us with imagination, freedom and spirit – like the wind that sings through the trees. You call us to look up and see the moon, the stars and the sun so that we may recognize your beauty in creation.

You give us life and the knowledge of good and evil but sometimes we turn away from you and from each other and care more for ourselves. Sometimes we forget the Bible stories of courage and forget to walk lightly on the earth. Sometimes we forget how the waters of baptism give us hope and new life.

In Jesus, you gave us a person and a story that would help us to remember your love and how to be your people. And so we sing!

Echo Holy Holy

Holy Holy Holy

**Lord God of power and might
Heaven, heaven and earth
are full of your glory
Sing Hosanna ...
Blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord
Sing Hosanna ...**

Maker of all, blessed are you for sending us a true and faithful light, Jesus our brother and friend. On the night before he died, he gathered together with his friends. During supper, he took bread and wine and gave thanks to God. He shared the bread with his friends and said: "Take this and eat it in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup of wine and blessed it. This cup reminds us that we are Jesus' family, part of the eternal life of God's promises given for everyone who needs him.

Blessed God, we do this in remembrance of Jesus' life on earth, of the love he has for us all, and in faith that we too will share in his resurrection. With hope, we look for him in the world and pray to see his face in heaven.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine so that we may know that Jesus is here with us, here IN us.

With all the creatures and with everything in your world, renew us in the power of your love so that peace and justice may be revealed.
And now, as our Saviour has taught, we pray

**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.**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

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

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.

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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:

Closing Hymn: *We are Children, Children of the Light*

**We are children, children of the light
We are shining, in the darkness of the night
Hope for this world, joy through all the land
Touch the heart of everyone, take everybody's hand**

**Come and gather round the flame,
Share the light in His name
We the children of the light
As the wind blows where it will
Spread the news to everyone
There's still plenty of time, for we have just begun**

**We are children, children of the light
We are shining, in the darkness of the night
Hope for this world, joy through all the land
Touch the heart of everyone, take everybody's hand**

Join the song of all the Earth
We've a dream, a dream to share
And a promise of rebirth
Let the Earth feel the warmth
Of the love there in your heart
We have many a dream and promises to keep

We are children, children of the light
We are shining, in the darkness of the night
Hope for this world, joy through all the land
Touch the heart of everyone, take everybody's hand

Dismissal:

Let us go out into the world to love and serve God by loving and serving others.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Parish Notices and Announcements

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

World: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocese: Maitland, Nova Scotia

Archdeacon Glenn Eason, Priest-in-Charge, and Terry Lea

Holy Trinity, Maitland

St. Peter's, Upper Kennetcook

St. Paul's, Northfield

Stewiacke and Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

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St. James', Shubenacadie

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:36-44

Read Your Bible:

Mon- 1 Kings 6:1-14

Tue- 1 Kings 22:1-53

Wed- Luke 17:20-37

Thu- Luke 21:25-38

Fri- Romans 13

Sat- Isaiah 2:1-5

Sun- Micah 4:1-5:1

Weekly Wisdom: *What I love about the Bible is the story isn't over. There are still prophets in our midst. There are still dragons and beasts. It might not look like it, but the Resistance is winning.* (Rachel Held Evans)

Events this Week:

Meditation Group: Wednesday 1:30 @ St. George's

Guild Prayer Shawl: Thursday 1:00 @ St. George's

Upcoming:

- **More Pie making!** We will be making an order of 150 apple pies for Withrow's on Monday morning, November 28th @ St. George's. You are welcome to come help out if you are able.

- **Christmas Family-** Our parish will be supporting a family of 5 for Christmas. Poster will be up on the 20th for the items on their wish list.

- **Online Auction-** The families ministry team is asking for gently used items for our online auction to be held in Nov. Please identify donations and leave at the back of either church by Nov. 20 or contact Carolyn (902-883-9737) to drop off to her by Friday the 25th

- **Christmas Shortbread:** Pre-order for Christmas Shortbread. Cookies (12), Bars (8) and Rounds. \$5. Each. Sign up sheets at the back of the church or call Felicity (902)259-2506. Last day to order Sun. Dec. 4. for pick-up at Christ Church, Fri, Dec 9 from 4-6pm.

-**Monday Music Jam Session:** Our first Jam session will be held on Monday December 5th, 2-4pm@ Christ Church. Bring your favourite instrument, sing along or just come to listen. Tea/coffee and a few sweets will be served. Donations to cover the cost of the sweets are welcome.

-**Schools Plus Program:** The SchoolsPlus program is holding a stocking stuffer drive to support children and families from pre-primary to grade 12 who attend Dutch Settlement Elementary, the elementary schools in Middle and Upper Musquodoboit, as well as Musquodoboit Rural High. Donations of new items, including personal care products, small toys/ games, socks, mittens, hats, and candy/ chocolate will be collected until December 6. Donation boxes are located at each school, the Musquodoboit Valley Family Resource Centre, and Jane has kindly provided permission for a box at the back of each St Georges and Christ Church.

- **Salad & Ham and Gingerbread Take-Out:** Our take-out will be on Thursday, December 10 from 3-5 pm. \$10.00 per person. To order call Bev@ 259-2766 or Mary@ 259-2109

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