

Sunday April 14th 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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**

We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Creator God: We praise you for all the wonders in your creation:

For the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers,

in pussy willows unzipping their jackets to greet the spring,

in each rock face worn by wind and water,

witnessing to your ancient design

like wrinkles around an aging smile.

Such details lift our hearts to praise you.

So let the life, teaching and resurrection of

the Risen Christ lift and instruct our hearts this day,

that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst,

making all things new in the springtime of your Holy Spirit. **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: Morning Has Broken (CP#3)

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing; Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven

Like the first dew fall on the first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden

Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight; Mine is the morning

Born of the One Light Eden saw play

Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day

The Collect:

Wounded God, disabled and divine: give us faith to perceive you pierced and embodied, standing here among us feeding us forgiveness, beautifully broken; through Christ, the wounded healer. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination:

God of Word and Wisdom, the Risen Christ opened the minds of his friends to understand the Scriptures. Send us your Holy Spirit to open our minds to receive your truth and love which can fill our hearts and change our lives. Amen

Proclamation of the Word:

The 1st Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts (3:12-19)
(After the reading)

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

The Psalm: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. Amen

The 2nd Reading: A Reading from the first letter of John (3:107)
(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 is 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 Luke (24:36b-48)

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. Our prayer response is 'Hear our Prayer'.

Confession & Absolution:

Call to Confession:

Creator God: in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.
Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves.
Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us.
Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

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 the peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehova (CP#565)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of Heaven
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee. I will ever give to Thee

Prayer over the Gifts:

Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness in Christ and in creation. Out of the bounty with which God has blessed us, let us present to God our offering with gratitude that overflows.

God our Maker, you have filled the world with so much abundance. We offer our gifts to you, knowing they are part of your abundance. Bless them and use them to bring hope and new life in Christ's name to a world that so badly needs these gifts. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer (ACC: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1)

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 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

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.*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to the Resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus the Christ, our Pattern and our Purpose.

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:

Christ does not give to us as the world gives.

We leave church today with Christ's peace to have, to hold, to share with others.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, do not be afraid.

Christ is with us in all things.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Remember Me

Remember me — the God who saves —

For back in Egypt you were slaves;

Then by my hand I set you free.

Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine

Whene'er you share this meal of mine.

I gave my life to set you free.

With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do,

For I'm alive! I walk with you.

I was, I am, and I shall be.

O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!

Your Spirit gives us memory.

Now send us out that we may share

Your love's great story everywhere.

Dismissal:

Let us go out as people open to the way of the Christ -- walking in the footsteps of Jesus. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Notices and Announcements

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

World: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocese: Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia

The Rev'd Jonathan Hallewell, Rector, and Lyn

St. Peter's, Eastern Passage

Christ Church, Cow Bay

Read Your Bible:

Mon- Psalm 23

Tue- Ezekiel 34:1-10

Wed- Ezekiel 34:11-31

Thu- Revelation 7:9-17

Fri- Isaiah 49:1-13

Sat- 1 John 3:7-24

Sun- John 10:1-16

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3:16-24; Jn 10:11-18

Weekly Wisdom: *"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."* – Marie Curie

What's Happening in the Parish:

Events this Week: * A reminder that there is ONE PARISH service next week (21st) – at St. George's at 11:00am**

April 16th @7:00pm: Parish Council at St. George's

- **Meditation:** Wed Apr 17th @ 1:30pm at Felicity's

April 18th @7:00pm: Pop Up Choir Practice at St. George's in preparation for the big Sunday Service Celebration. Please come and practice the familiar hymns and learn the new closing song:)

April 19th @11:00am – service at the Magnolia

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

Upcoming Events:

April 24th @10:00 at St. George's: "Living with Loss" peer group to support those grieving loved ones.

- **Food Bank Sunday-** The first Sunday of the month, 05 May, is Food Bank Sunday

-**Monday Music Jam-** Next Jam will be Mon May 6th from 1-3 pm downstairs at Christ Church

St George's 150th Committee:

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.
- Wants: We are hoping to put a light on the Good Shepherd window

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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