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**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation October 1, 2023

*Welcome to everyone gathered here today.
Please make yourself known to the greeters.*

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

Weymouth; Annapolis; Avon Valley

Provincial Prayer Care

Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon,

Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council

Council of the North

Archdeaconry of Labrador:

Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Crapaud

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

October 8 – Harvest Thanksgiving (white)

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65;

2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Kim G, Tim O; Doris M, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Mark's HC

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

A lovely Service was held on Sunday afternoon past at St. Elizabeth's Church with Diocesan Bishop Sandra Fyfe. A warm thank you to the congregation for organizing and all who came out to support!

Parish Council - Monday, October 16, 7:00 pm at St. Stephen's.

For everyone elected or acclaimed into roles, please note:

We appreciate your attendance at Parish Council, and/or Church Council meetings, both because we do need a set number to have Quorum, and as importantly, your input and ideas are critical (regardless of whether you would technically have a vote on a particular issue).

Bible Study is being held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., in person at the Rectory and online. All are welcome to attend!

Seamen boxes – In the very near future, we will start to think about filling boxes for seamen. A list will be posted when it is available. Stay tuned!

Kensington & Area Food Bank has compiled an up-to-date list of needed items. Please see the list in your church. Items can be dropped off to the Food Bank on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 30 Garden Drive (Legion) between 6:45 pm & 7:15 pm (garage door). Please **NO** opened items or well past expiry date items.

COLLECT (p 383)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 383)

Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 383)

Father in heaven,
strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A Regional workshop “Guiding Light”:

A workshop on Funeral Ministry:

Saturday, October 28: 9 am – 2:30 pm

Diocesan staff will be facilitating at St. Mark’s, Kensington.

Registration is required. Please contact the office if interested in learning more or being registered.

Annual Prince County **Kidney Walk** will be held on Sunday, October 1, at Credit Union Place, Summerside. Registration is at 11:00 a.m.; walk begins at noon. All are welcome to come to support and donate. Donations can also be made online. Donations over \$10.00 will receive a tax receipt. All money raised stays in the Maritimes.

A Regional Event (second annual – many of you participated last year at Canoe Cove) is being planned for October 21 in Crapaud. More information will be circulated as it becomes available.

Confirmation Classes will begin later this month. Several youth (high school age) have expressed interest. If you know anyone in your family or church community who might be interested, please pass the word along and encourage contact with Rev. Shirley for more information.

A READING FROM EXODUS 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

As you walk the road with the Chosen One, have you gained from him courage for the journey? Have you found comfort in his love? Do you share together in his Spirit? Has his tenderness and mercy captured your heart? If so, then have the same kind of thoughts. Love with one heart. Join together in one Spirit. And walk side by side on one path. This will make my heart leap for joy. But when you do these things, make sure you do them for the right reasons. Do not let selfish ways take you down a path of bragging or trying to look better than others. Instead, let humility be your guide as you honor others above yourself. Each of you should look to the needs of others, not just to your own. Think about yourselves in the same way Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One thought about himself. Even though Creator Sets Free (Jesus) has always been the same as the Great Spirit and shared everything equally with him, he did not even think of holding on to this in a selfish way. Instead, he emptied himself, became nothing, and gave up all he had. Then, having been born as a human being, he took on himself the lowly form of a servant. As a True Human Being, he lowered himself even more by following the guidance of the Great Spirit, even when death was waiting for him at the end of the

trail, death on a tree-pole – the cross! Because Creator Sets Free (Jesus) did this, the Great Spirit gave him an honored place above all others and bestowed on him a name greater than all other names, so that all who live in the spirit-world above, on the earth below, and underneath the earth will bow their knee to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) in honor of his name. Then everyone, in their native language, will shout out loud that Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One is Grand Chief over all the earth. This will bring honor and praise to our Father the Great Spirit. My much-loved family, you have always followed my guidance, not only when I was with you but much more now that I am away. So then, with great respect, you must walk the path Creator has given you for being set free and made whole. For the Great Spirit is creating in you the desire and strength to do what pleases him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 21:23-32

When he arrived at the lodge, the head holy men were waiting for him. They and the ruling elders of the people came to him. “By what right do you do these things?” they challenged. “Who gave you this right?” “First you must answer one question from me,” he challenged back, “and then I will tell you what gives me the right. The purification ceremony performed by Gift of Goodwill (John), was it from the spirit-world above, or did it come from human beings?” They put their heads together and talked it over. “If we say it is from the spirit-world above, he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say it is from human beings, we fear what this crowd would do, for they are sure Gift of Goodwill (John) was a prophet.” So they answered him, “We do not know.” “So then,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to them, “neither will I tell you what gives me the right to do these things.” “How do you see it?” he asked them. “A man with two sons came to one of his sons and said, ‘Son, will you work in my vineyard today?’ At first the son told him ‘No,’ but later changed his mind and went to work. “Then the man went to his other son and asked him the same. He told his father, ‘Yes, I will,’ but never went.” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) looked right at the spiritual leaders and asked, “Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?” They said to him, “The first one.” “I speak truth from my heart,” he said to them, “tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favors will find their way onto Creator’s good road ahead of you! Gift of Goodwill (John) came to show the good way, but you refused to hear him. You saw how the tribal tax collectors and those who sell sexual favors put their trust in him, but not even this changed your mind to believe him.