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February 4, 2024 **5th Sunday after Epiphany**

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c;

1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Neil's Harbour, Nova Scotia – The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp, Rector

Resurrection, Sydney – The Rev. Peter Rafuse and Mary

- The Rev. Roslyn MacLeod, Associate Parish Priest

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Western Newfoundland

~ Bishop John Organ



Council of the North

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Paul's, Charlottetown

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

February 11 – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;

2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Jean R, Hilda J; Marie M, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Amy M, Savannah M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

11 am – St. Thomas' HC

Annual Meetings (all at 7 p.m.):

- St. Thomas' – Monday, February 5

- St. Stephen's – Thursday, February 8 (alt. Thurs., Feb.15)

- St. Mark's – Monday, February 12 (alt. Mon., Feb. 19)

- St. Elizabeth's – Tuesday, February 20 (alt. Thurs., Feb. 22)

- Parish – Tuesday, February 27 (alt. Feb. 29) at St. Stephen's

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held at St. Mary's

Anglican Church, 74 Summer Street, Summerside, on February 13:

Take-out (pick up by 4:15 p.m.); Eat-in (4:30-6:00 p.m.)

For tickets, call Ruth Sudsbury (902-436-6664) – Adults \$10;

children under 12 free. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service – St. Mark's, 11 am, February 14th.

We have invited the members of Margate Pastoral Charge, and their

Student Minister Ellen Locke and Rev. Shirley Cole will be leading

the Service together. Please note that Ash Wednesday marks the

beginning of the Season of Lent, a time of fasting, penitence, and

preparation for the Easter feast. Beginning in the tenth century, ashes

were imposed on this day upon the penitent, using ashes made for the

previous year's Palms. Related to the above, should you have Palm

Crosses from last year or previous years you are willing to part with,

could you drop off at the Rectory office by February 7th,

as Rev. Shirley will be making this year's ashes then.

Diocesan Church Society Annual Meeting will be held on

Saturday, March 9, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown,

beginning at 10:00 am. Bishop Sandra Fyfe will be in attendance.

St. Thomas' will be hosting a **Valentine's Social** on Monday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m. with a light lunch to follow. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. To help with arranging, could you please contact Amy McCarville (902-886-2424) if you are attending. All are welcome! Please bring a Valentine that will be signed and delivered to a senior in your church. (storm date – Feb. 13)

A new year. A new ministry adventure. Connectors Six:

- Is God prompting you to try something new?
- Do you long to connect with your neighbours?
- Would you like to learn how to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in your community?
- Are you experiencing the deep satisfaction of knowing that God is using you to make a difference?

The Connectors SIX is a missional learning cohort that nurtures lay and clergy participants in discovering fresh possibilities in their neighbourhoods. Applications are open for up to ten people to explore prayer, discernment, learning, and engaging in missional ministry. Skills are fostered in spiritual gifts, understanding our neighbours, seeing the community with fresh eyes, how to nurture authentic discipleship, and building loving relationships with new people. The Connectors is hosted over a year through 10, two-day sessions. Six sessions are hosted in Debert, NS, and four are on Zoom. This supportive network of peers mutually encourages one another, while being held accountable to missional goals. The Connectors involves study, discussion, goal-setting, trying new approaches to ministry, guest speakers, and mutual peer support. Emphasis is on experimental ministry. Cohort members who have completed the year say they now have clarity about their sense of call and more leadership confidence. Any Anglicans in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia can apply. Expenses are paid by the diocese. Curious? Know someone from your church who would be? If you have even the slightest curiosity about this, please reach out to Rev'd Shirley who can tell you more about it, connect you up with someone who has taken the Program in the past, and connect you with the Church Leaders who will be running it this year.

COLLECT (p 353)

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 354)

God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 354)

Eternal God,
in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet
be instruments of your peace on earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.



A READING FROM ISAIAH 40:21-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?
He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.
He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.
He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.
No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.
“To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.
Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?
Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.
Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.
I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.
That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.
Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”
Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.