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March 10, 2024 4th Sunday in Lent

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

Today's Readings

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Northumberland Region #3

~ St. George's, New Glasgow

- Rev. Jeanne Hunter, Priest-in-Charge

~ Strait-Chedabucto, NS

- Rev. Susan Slater, Priest-in-Charge, and Rev. Leif Vaage

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Fredericton – Archbishop David Edwards;

Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw

and all military chaplains

Council of the North

Territory of the People – Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Mark's, Kensington

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent (violet)

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13;

Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Jim D, Doreen Childs;

Doris M, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

11 am – St. Mark's MP

HOLY WEEK/EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ecumenical Holy Week Services – March 25 – March 28

12:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church

Monday – Led by Anglican Church

Tuesday – Led by Presbyterian Church

Wednesday – Led by Roman Catholic Church

Thursday – Led by United Church

Wednesday, March 27 – 7 pm – St. Mark's Tenebrae

Thursday, March 28 – 7 pm – St. Thomas' HE Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 – 12:00 pm – St. Stephen's HE Good Friday

Easter Sunday, March 31 – 7 am – St. Thomas' HE

9 am – St. Mark's HE

11 am – St. Stephen's HE

We now have our Annual Meetings wrapped up for another year.

Thanks to all those who served in various roles and are now leaving Council roles (for now!); for all those who came out to support the various meetings, and a special thanks to all those who are joining or remaining on the various Councils. We will soon provide the list of names, numbers, and emails for Church and Parish Council members.

In the meantime, please note the regular meetings upcoming:

~ Parish Council – Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm at St. Thomas'

~ St. Thomas' Church Council – Monday, March 18, 7 pm

~ St. Mark's Church Council – Monday, April 1, 7 pm

~ St. Stephen's Church Council – Thursday, April 11, 7 pm

~ St. Elizabeth's Church Council – Sunday, April 28

(following 7 pm service)

LOOKING AHEAD...

***Save the Date:**

June 1st, 2024 – St. Mark’s Church Yard Sale Fundraiser from 9 a.m. – noon. We would be pleased to accept donations such as toys, games, accessories, knick-knacks, books, puzzles, household items, giftware items, garden décor & supplies, tools, craft supplies, small furniture items, sporting equipment, plants, or any other treasures you might have hidden away. All items should be clean and in good condition. To schedule a donation pick up, please call Dianne (902-836-4978), Marlene (902-836-4303), or Alan (902-439-1627).

***Vacation Bible School** will be held this year, July 8 – 12 (this is a week later than usual, as July 1 falls on a Monday).

Men of the Harvest Concerts:

~ April 21 – St. Mary’s Anglican Church, Summerside – 2:00 pm
~ May 26 – Southwest River United Church, Margate – 7:00 pm

COLLECT (p 292)

Gracious Father,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 293)

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith
and love. Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 293)

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

A READING FROM NUMBERS 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

A READING FROM EPHESIANS 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:14-21

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

