# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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# March 17, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

# **Today's Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33



#### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Eastern Shore Region #4

- ~ Ecum Secum, NS
- ~ Parish of Musquodoboit -- Rev. Dennis Newhook, Priest-In-Charge & Rev. Beverly Kean Newhook

#### **Provincial Prayer Care**

Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land

- Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council

## **Council of the North**

Territory of the People – Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** – St. Thomas', Spring Brook

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

# March 24 – Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (red)

**Readings:** Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a;

Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:17

Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Darlene L, Doreen Cole; Martyn C, Barb C

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Amy M, Savannah M

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Thomas' HE

11 am – St. Stephen's MP 11 am – St. Mark's HE

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# 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

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# **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- ~ 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 4, 7 pm
- ~ St. Elizabeth's Church Council Sunday, April 28 (following 7 pm service)

# **LOOKING AHEAD...**

\*Vacation Bible School will be held this year, July 8-12, at Kensington United Church.

# '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

#### \*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).

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# **COLLECT** (p 295)

Most merciful God,

by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew.

May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** (p 295)

Eternal God.

your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation.

Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 295)

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### A READING FROM JEREMIAH 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant,

though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,

or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'

because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more."

#### **A READING FROM HEBREWS 5:5-10**

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest.

But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?

No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgement on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.