

May 26, 2024
1st Sunday after Pentecost:
Trinity Sunday

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. Mark's, Halifax
~ Spryfield

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
~ Bishop Sandra Fyfe

Council of the North

Diocese of Moosonee
~ Archbishop Anne Germond & Archbishop Fred Hiltz

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. Peter's, Foxley River

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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June 2 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23 – 3:6

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Doreen Cole, Jean R;
Savannah M, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Doris M

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP
11 am – St. Stephen's HE
11 am – St. Mark's MP

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Council Meetings

June 5 – 7 pm – St. Stephen's Church Council
June 17 – 7 pm – St. Mark's Church Council
June 19 – 7 pm – Parish Council at St. Mark's Church

St. Mark's Church -- Yard, Bake, and Plant Fundraiser --

Saturday, June 1 from 9-12. A bake sale table, as well as a variety of plants, will be included as part of our fundraiser. To schedule pick-up, please call Dianne (902-836-4978), Marlene (902-836-4303), or Alan (902-439-1627).

A group of ladies from St. Peter's will be touring our churches on June 7. Thanks to Ladies from the churches for hosting!

Sunday, June 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Plans are well underway for the 250th Anniversary/Founder's Day commemorating the arrival of the *Elizabeth* and *Lovely Kitty*, in the summer of 1774, which included settlers who were Anglican and over time would form our Parish as we still know it today. Activities will be held at St. Thomas' Church and Hall and Grounds, and will include Parish Service at 11 am, followed by lunch (provided) and in the afternoon displays and period games for children and talks for adults about topics relevant to the day. More detailed information and formal invitations will be forthcoming soon - please hold the date - and if you are interested in being on the planning Committee or helping out as the date looms closer or on the day, please contact the Church Office.
*We're now looking for artifacts for displays. If you have anything you are willing to donate, please contact the Rectory office.

Vacation Bible School 2024 – “Camp Firelight”

July 8-12 from 9 am-11:30 a.m. at the Murray Christian Centre.
Ages 4-12. Cost is \$25 per child (3rd child registers for free!)
You can register on-line at: <https://forms.gle/vn4pQ21frUPGZtH46>.
Payment can be made through etransfer: kensingtonvbs@gmail.com, or by cash or cheque on the first day of camp.
For more information, please contact the church office.

Men of the Harvest concert – Tonight, May 26, 7:00 p.m. at Southwest River United Church, Margate. Admission \$10 at the door.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bulletins used within the Parish
are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of

Edward Simmons

*Every day in some small way
memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are ever near,
still missed, loved, and always dear.*

Remembered by
Eleanor
Kim, Jason & Justin,
Nancy, Doug, Ross, Ian

A READING FROM ISAIAH 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

A READING FROM ROMANS 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 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.

Daily Manna -- Verse for the Day

Day 1 – Psalm 17:8

“Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

Day 2 – Isaiah 12:2a

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.”

Day 3 – 1 Peter 5:6

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”

Day 4 – 2 Chronicles 20:21b

“Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

Day 5 – Exodus 15:2a

“The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

Day 6 – Malachi 3:6a

“For I the Lord do not change.”



Day 7 – Ephesians 6:10b

“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”

Day 8 – Psalm 107:9

“For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.”

Day 9 – Numbers 14:17

“Now may the Lord’s strength be displayed, just as you have declared.”

Day 10 – Galatians 2:20b

“I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

COLLECT (p 346)

Father, we praise you:

through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.

You reveal your salvation in all the world

by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Through your Holy Spirit

you give us a share in your life and love.

Fill us with the vision of your glory,

that we may always serve and praise you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 347)

Living God,

receive all we offer you this day.

Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,

we may share in your divine life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 347)

Almighty and eternal God,

may we who have received this eucharist

worship you in all we do,

and proclaim the glory of your majesty.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.