THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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February 16, 2024

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Milton/Rustico, PEI

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Central Newfoundland ~ Bishop John Watton

Council of the North

Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. George's, Montague

Rev. Shirley will be away from February 22 until March 6. Services on February 23 and March 2 will be led by LLM Dennis Cole and LLM Kim Gallant. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by Rev. Ned Henthorne, who can be contacted through the Wardens.

February 23 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany (green)

Readings: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42;

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Readers: Sandra H, Grafton C; Hilda J, Tim O; Savannah M, Marie M

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Lola MO, Doris M **Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP 11 am – St. Thomas' MP

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

- Tuesday, February 18, 7 pm at St. Thomas' Church (alt. Feb. 20)

Kensington & Area Christian Council will meet on Monday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. at Kensington Presbyterian Church.

Free Senior's Lunches are being served at Kensington Presbyterian Church on February 22 and March 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **RSVP to 902-836-3477.** All are welcome!

COLLECT (pg. 355)

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (pg. 355)

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (pg. 356)

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence.

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

A READING FROM JEREMIAH 17:5-10

This is what the LORD says:

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind.

to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

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THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,

for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,

when they exclude you and insult you

and reject your name as evil,

because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,

for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,

for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,

for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.