

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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7th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to everyone gathered here today.

Today's Readings

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

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ Port Hill, PEI

~ St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown

~ St. George's, Montague

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Western Newfoundland – Bishop John Organ

Council of the North – Diocese of Quebec – Bishop Bruce Myers

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Christ Church, Cherry Valley

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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.

March 2-Figuration Sunday: Last after Epiphany (green)

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Readers: Judy C, Jessie A; Jim D, Darlene L; Doris M, Norma T

Prayers of the People: Jim E, Doreen C, Bronwyn C

Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP

11 am – St. Stephen's MP

11 am – St. Mark's MP

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 12:00 noon at St. Mark's Church. Service will be led by Dennis Cole, Kim Gallant, and Ellen Locke (student minister at Margate Pastoral Charge).

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

Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long takes place on Thursday, March 6, 2:15 p.m. Please come and join in this time with the residents.

World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday, March 7, 11:00 a.m. at Southwest River United Church in Margate. This year's service was prepared by the women of Cook's Island (storm date: March 14).

Free Senior's Lunch is being served at Kensington Presbyterian on Saturday, March 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **RSVP to 902-836-3477.**

COLLECT (pg. 356)

Almighty God, your son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving love.

Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
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 (pg. 357)

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day.

Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people
with your perfect love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

A READING FROM GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 6:27-38

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”