



Jesus Knocking at the Door
Installed on September 11, 2005, at St. Thomas' Church

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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**February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration Sunday:
Last Sunday after the Epiphany (green)**

Worship on February 15

10 am – St. Thomas' MP

Today's Readings

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - Milton/Rustico, PEI

Provincial Prayer Care

Diocese of Montreal – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. James', Port Hill

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

February 18: Ash Wednesday

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 103:8-18;
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Readers: Tim O, Jim D **Prayers of the People:** Amy M
Ash Wednesday Service, led by the Rev. Shirley Cole & Ellen Locke, will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 11:00 a.m., at St. Mark's. Lent is a time for fasting and feasting, and you are invited to come and receive instructions for your Lenten journey from Matthew's Gospel. There will be Imposition of Ashes available to those who wish. This service will feature the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

February 22: 1st Sunday in Lent (violet)

Worship Time: 10 am – St. Thomas' HE

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Readers: Darlene L, Jean R

Prayers of the People: Lola MO

~Parish Annual Meeting has been moved to Sunday, February 22,

following 10 a.m. Service at St. Thomas'; light lunch will follow at 11:15 a.m., and meeting will get underway by 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (alt. Wednesday, February 25). St. Thomas' will host and provide tea/coffee and soup. Everyone else is invited to bring biscuits, rolls, sandwiches, or dessert. Just come along to church at 10 and stay... or come for 11:15 for meeting only...or come to church and not stay. There's always lots of food and having food is often a draw, and once already out in the daytime it's also a draw. Do hope you will join us!

~Kensington & Area Christian Council meeting – Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Holy Family Parish, Kensington.

~Confirmation classes are getting underway. If you have a family member interested, please contact Rev. Shirley directly by email or phone as soon as possible.

~PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): Several have signed up for PAR and more have been asking about it, so the information is included in this week's bulletin. PAR is not meant to replace envelope offerings but is an option for those who wish. If you have any questions, please speak with your Church Treasurer or with Rev. Shirley.

Thanks to those who attended our recent Valentine Social.

Thanks also to those who decorated, provided food, entertained, or just came and had a good time.

Happy to report that we presented a significant number of food items to the Kensington Food Bank on behalf of those in attendance.



COLLECT

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM EXODUS 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;*

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;*

he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;*

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his footstool;*

he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his name,*

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;*

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;*

**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and worship him upon his holy hill;*

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right.

**Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you,
through your son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A READING FROM 2 PETER 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word. Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

*(TUNE: 374 *Hyfrydol*)*

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
2. Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all; the God incarnate, life divine, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all; praise him whose burning path you trod, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all; go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tongue and every tribe, delivered from the fall, to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all; to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that, with heaven's sacred throng, we at his feet may fall, lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all; lift high the universal song, and crown him Lord of all!

WE HAIL THEE NOW, O JESUS

1. We hail thee now, O Jesus: thy presence here we own, though sight and touch have failed us, and faith perceives alone. Thy love has veiled thy glory and hid thy power divine, in mercy to our weakness, beneath an earthly sign.
2. We hail thee now, O Jesus: in silence hast thou come, for all the hosts of heaven with wonderment are dumb – so great the condescension, so marvellous the love, which for our sakes, O Saviour, have drawn thee from above.
3. We hail thee now, O Jesus: for law and type have ceased, and thou in each communion art sacrifice and priest. We make this great memorial in union, Lord, with thee, and plead thy death and passion to cleanse and set us free.
4. We hail thee now, O Jesus: for death is ever near, and in thy presence only its terrors disappear. Dwell with us, living Saviour, and guide us through the night, till shadows end in glory, and faith is lost in sight.

PRAISE, MY SOUL

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes: Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone; but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.
5. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.