

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

## To God Be the Glory

### Creation Sunday

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month Parish Service & Potluck**  
**11 am, Sunday, August 30, 2026**  
**St. Thomas' Church, Spring Brook**

*'By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made,  
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.'* (Psalm 33:6)

**OPENING HYMN:** *'To God Be the Glory'*

1. To God be the glory, great things He has done,  
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

**REFRAIN**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God:  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **REFRAIN**

3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see! **REFRAIN**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Celebrant:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

**GLORY TO GOD**

**Celebrant:** Glory to God in the highest,

**All:** and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**COLLECT**

**Celebrant:** On this day when we offer thanksgiving and glory to God  
for all things, focus on Creation, and on Living Water as this year's  
theme for the Season of Creation, we offer the following words  
prayerfully together:

**All: Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the  
earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand  
in all your works and your breath in all creatures, that we may be  
of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the  
Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being.  
Amen**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of  
Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the  
mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a  
flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it  
was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this  
great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw  
that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush,  
"Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no  
closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you  
are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your  
father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."  
And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

#### **Psalms 105:1-45C (selected verses)**

**REFRAIN: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **R**  
Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.  
Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen. **R**  
The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;  
he made them stronger than their enemies;  
whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
Hallelujah! **R**

#### **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 'Our God, You Called to Moses'**

1. Our God, you called to Moses to set your people free.  
What wrongly some suppose is: he answered easily.  
"I'm not the one you're seeking!" he seemed instead to say.  
"My strength is not in speaking; God, find another way!"
2. And yet, O Lord, you told him to trust in what you said.  
Your strength would surely hold him through all those days ahead  
Though many would oppose him, by your own name he'd know:  
You were the one who chose him to help your people go.
3. You call each congregation to serve those lost and poor.  
We doubt our own vocation; we ask, "Lord, are you sure?"  
Yet you give gifts for sharing, you show us what to say.  
Your Spirit gives us daring to serve Christ every day.

### **Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

### **REFLECTION**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC** *'Take Up Thy Cross'*

Grafton Cole & Ardene Caseley, accompanied by Gwendy Murphy

### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee – who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Leader:** We pray today for those whose lives are closely intertwined with water: coastal peoples, fisher folks, and for those who can teach us wise ways to live with water. We pray for people to be moved to action and use their inherent or entrusted power to create change. Stir governments, corporations, and communities to protect and share water justly.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** Where we have treated water as a commodity, teach us to receive it as a sacred gift. Where we have consumed without thought, teach us simplicity.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** Where we have used water without reverence, teach us to protect it as a gift entrusted to every generation and honour water as a source of life for all.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** Where we have been silent and tolerant of injustice, make us courageous protectors of rivers, defenders of seas, and companions to those who suffer water injustice, until justice and mercy flow like the river of life.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** In all other areas of your Creation, inspire us to care and honour all life.

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** We pray as well for those among us experiencing sickness, thinking this morning of ... and those grieving the death of a loved one, thinking this morning of ...

**All: Where water flows, Lord, let everything live.**

**Leader:** May we be carried by the flow of the great river of life. May we discover a hidden spring within, gushing forth. May we be carried to the shores of the sacred and renewed.

**All: Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all Creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast, and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them. We praise you for giving us life through water, and for all waters everywhere. We especially praise you for the waters that sustain us in this part of our common home.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**All:** Creator, out of your abundant love, all things live and move and have their being. We confess that we have turned away from you and from your image in our neighbours. We have neglected the creatures that surround us, the water that renews us, and the earth that nourishes us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we might hear the song of your Creation once again and see your love in all living things.

**Celebrant:** God's mercy flows like living water. The love of God, incarnate in Jesus who spoke to troubled waters, forgives us and calms our hearts so that justice may flow in all the dry places of our lives. In the name of Christ, may this grace free us to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing of all Creation.

**People:** Amen

## INVITATION TO THE PEACE

**Celebrant:** Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN *'Where Charity and Love Prevail'*

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be God's the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son as members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.
6. No race or creed can love exclude if honoured be God's name; our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (*Prayer Over the Gifts*)

**All:** God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water – the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. Accept the first fruits we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**Celebrant:** May God be with you,

**People:** and also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Creator.

**Celebrant:** Let us thank the Giver of Life.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you here in this place, where the river meets the sea, in the midst of hills and lakes, where ravines and streams wind under our streets, where village and farm meet, wilderness and town are side by side, where the rising sea meets the rocky shore.

We praise you in this time of sorrow, when the body of the earth is broken and bruised. We give you thanks for our place on this land, and in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in desert and in wilderness, displaced and displacing, frightened and welcoming, all the while searching for home. They knew you on mountains and by wells, in tents and in cities, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who saw you in a burning bush, followed you in cloud and fire, and were fed by ravens on the mountains. Together with angels and ancestors, we join our voices with all of creation as we say:

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

**Celebrant:** We give thanks to you for Jesus, born among the animals. He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, nourished and tested in the wilderness, travelled on the lakes, and knew the mysteries of seeds and growth. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, *Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.* After supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land and work of human hands, gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, *This is my blood, which is shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.*

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and awaiting his coming to renew all things, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts, that we who eat and drink at this table may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice, and be joined with all of creation, our kin. Pour out your spirit on the whole earth, that it may become your new creation, and that we, along with your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised with all the saints who rest in the wisdom of sparrow and lily, raven and mustard seed, now and on the new earth. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come. **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice, woven through all of Creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating word. **Amen**

### BLESSING

**Celebrant:** May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation. And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life.

**People: Amen**

### CLOSING HYMN 'Give Me Joy in My Heart'

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
keep me loving till the break of day.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

4. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

## **DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace, as people of God made Christ's own  
through the waters of baptism. In the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*~Season of Creation 2026 Ecumenical Prayer Service - adapted*

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## **September 6: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)**

**Worship Times:** 9 am – St. Mark's HE  
11 am – St. Stephen's HE  
11 am – St. Thomas' MP  
7 pm – St. Elizabeth's HC

**Readings:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;  
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

**Readers:** Grafton C, Sandra H; Darlene L;  
Norma T, Bronwyn C; David H, Grace H

**Prayers of the People:** Jim E, Amy M, Bronwyn C

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### ***From Shirley...***

Thanks to one and all for covering services and all of the other odds and sods that came up while I was on vacation.

### **Did you know that you can watch one of our weekly Church Services online?**

One service each Sunday is taped and then put online.  
The link can be found on the Parish of New London Facebook page.

**Come Walk in Faith** - September 3 from 10-11 a.m.,  
weather permitting, meet at St. Mark's parking lot.

**Bible Study** will resume at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 10,  
in the Rectory office.

**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** will take place at 2:15 p.m.  
on Thursday, September 3. All are welcome!

### **Upcoming Church and Parish Council Meetings:**

~ **St. Elizabeth's** Church Council – 8 p.m. (after service) Sunday,  
September 6  
~ **St. Stephen's** Church Executive – 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 9  
~ **St. Mark's** Church Council – 7 p.m. Monday, September 14  
~ **St. Thomas'** Church Council – 7 p.m. Monday, September 21  
~ **Parish Council** – 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, St. Stephen's  
Church Hall

Bonnie will resume **regular office hours** on Wednesday mornings,  
9-12, beginning on September 9. Bulletins will be available for pick-up  
in the afternoon.

**Windows to Hope** – Annual DCS Gathering will be held on  
Saturday, September 26, at St. Mary's Church Hall, Summerside;  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. What happens when we gather, listen, share  
our stories, and look toward the future together? Come for a joy-filled,  
interactive day of discovering, sharing, and learning. PEI Anglican  
Trivia, Café Church, Workshops, Stories, Music, Lunch, Door prizes.  
Everyone is welcome! Register: dcspeievents@gmail.com

### **Backpack Blessings**

It's that time of year again. Recognizing the appreciation for supplies  
collected in September and again in April, we are collecting school  
supplies along with personal care items and snacks to fill backpacks  
for high school students. Please bring along supplies and add them  
to the backpacks provided at the back of the churches. Financial  
donations are also greatly appreciated. We will be collecting on  
Sunday, September 6, 13, & 20 in each of the churches.

There are still a few 'Our Daily Bread' devotional books (July, August,  
**September**) available at the back of the church.