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25th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship on November 15

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

Today's Readings

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

DCS Cycle of Prayer – Christ Church, Cherry Valley

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

~ St. John's, Lunenburg, NS
~ St. Martin's Western Shore, NS
~ South Queens, NS

Wider Anglican Communion – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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November 22: Last Sunday after Pentecost:

The Reign of Christ (white)

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

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Readers: Judy C, Jim E; Darlene L, Jean R; Bronwyn C, Doris M

Prayers of the People: Grafton C, Doreen C, Marlene C

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the All Saints & All Souls Worship on November 1. Special thanks to the choir members and to Bonnie LaFrance, accompanist.

Thank you to all those who made St. Mark's yard sale such a success; to those who donated items, baked, and helped in any way.

ScripFund – The last date to order before Christmas is November 29. Please call Doris Moase to place an order.

November has arrived and it's time for us to be thinking of filling **Christmas boxes for Seafarers**!!! We would like to have the shoe box items OR filled boxes passed in by December 1, or taken to St. Stephen's service on December 6, at which time they will be blessed, then delivered.
Following are the "only" items that can be packed in the shoebox: hat/toque, scarf/neck warmer, gloves, socks, wrapped hard candy, (no chocolate), shampoo/body wash (maximum size 375 ml), shaving foam and razors, deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, playing cards, souvenir or memento of PEI or Canada, pen/pencil, small tissues, comb, and Christmas card. If you wish to enclose enough wrapping paper for your box, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you can contact Doris at St. Mark's, Sandra at St. Stephen's, or Lola at St. Thomas'. Thank you for helping to make a Seafarer very happy over the Christmas holiday!!!

Clinton View Lodge Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend!

Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas'.

St. Mark's Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Kensington & Area Christian Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Kensington.

Ecumenical Carol Service will be held at Kensington United Church on Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. (storm date: Dec. 14).
All are welcome to attend and enjoy the sounds of the season!

Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held at Lotus Garden Restaurant on Friday, December 11, 12:00 p.m. Contact Sandra (902-836-4751) or Amy (902-786-9300). All are welcome!

Advent Service: You are invited to attend an Advent gathering on Saturday, December 5, 1:30 p.m. at Kensington St. John's Presbyterian Church. There will be candle lighting, carol singing, and reflections on the significance of shining a light in the darkness and of our responsibility to shine a light in our world through deeds of love and kindness. The gathering will conclude with a service of Holy Communion followed by a time of fun and refreshments.
Everyone is welcome, and we encourage you to bring a friend!

'Men of the Harvest' Christmas Concerts:
~ Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown
~ Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m. at College of Piping, Summerside.
All are welcome; spread the word!

Annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent will be presented at St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, on Sunday, November 29, 7 pm. Presented by St. Peter's Choristers.

Prince Street Advent Services will be held in Charlottetown:
Nov 25 - Zion Presbyterian Church
Dec 2 - St. Paul's Anglican Church
Dec 9 - Central Christian Church
Dec 16 - Trinity United Church
Worship and a light lunch on Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.
A donation basket will be available at lunch to support the work of the Salvation Army in Charlottetown.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM JUDGES 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes,*
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,*
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,*
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,*
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,*
and of the derision of the proud.

King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:14-30

"It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money. "After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.' "The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.' "The servant given one thousand said, 'Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.' "The master was furious.

‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that!
If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?
The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum
with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.
“‘Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most.
And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb.
Throw him out into utter darkness.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

