

**8:00 a.m. – BCP Holy Communion** (*Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 p. 471 BCP*)

**Collect of the Day** (*in unison*): Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist**

**Introit (screen) – Open Unto Me**

**Opening Hymn 371 (CP) – To God Be the Glory**

Gathering of the Community *p. 185*

Trisagion *p. 187*

Collect of the Day (*printed*)

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

Numbers 21: 4-9 (Michael Sherren)

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 *p. 852 BAS*

Ephesians 2: 1-10 (Tom Rudolph)

**Gradual Hymn (screen) – For God So Loved the World**

**Gospel:** John 3: 14-21 (Judy Rose)

Homily

The Apostles' Creed *p. 189*

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution *p. 191*

The Peace *p. 192*

**Offertory Hymn (screen) – We Will Take What You Offer**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1 *p. 193*

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7 *p. 213*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace**

**Communion Hymns** (*Congregation receives first, followed by the choir*)

**60 (CP) – I Come With Joy; (screen) – O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God**

Prayer after Communion *p. 293*

Doxology *p. 214*

**Children's Hymn (screen) – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 178 (CP) – Restore in Us, O God**

Dismissal *p. 215*

**(screen) – Let There Be Love**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Canso (The Rev'd Susan Slater) and Three Harbours (The Rev'd Sue Channen and Bob).

**Provincial Prayer:** Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Bishop Geoffrey Peddle). **Give thanks for:** Lent as a time of Discipleship (NSPEI); The opportunity for families to come together during the March break, the arrival of spring, and the continued growth of our francophone congregations (QUE); For all parishes as they continue their Lenten observances, for the work of the Avalon Archdeaconry Youth Ministry Team as they prepare for their annual GPS Youth Ministry Conference (God's Positioning System), and all who have completed their terms on vestries and parish councils (ENL); Diocesan postulants and ministry of parish nurses (FRED); The ministry of Action Réfugies, all parishes welcoming refugees, and new wardens and synod delegates and all parishioners engaged in the work of the church (MTL); For our first responders, firefighters, police, paramedics, nurses and doctors, for universities and schools and for those who teach in them to ensure that the students will be successful in their studies, for the breakfast programs and for the many volunteers who give of their time to come and serve breakfast to our children, and for the Anglican Church Women groups who give countless hours to the glory of God, for those who attend meetings and for those who are behind the scenes to ensure the work of the Lord is being done in many ways (CNL); and those discerning a call to the Episcopate (WNL). **Pray for:** Diocesan treasurers and financial staff as they prepare for annual audits, that religious groups may work together for peace and justice, all travellers during the March Break, and all those suffering from mental illness (QUE); The presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit as parishes gather to hold annual meetings and theology students at Queen's college as they near the end of another semester (ENL); Struggling parishes (FRED); The Territory of the People, Bishop Barbara Andrews and fire relief, theological students, those preparing for ordination, and clergy in the ongoing sense of vocation (MTL); and Rev. Maryrose Colbourne beginning new ministry in the Parish of Meadows (WNL).

**Praying for our Parish Families:** We pray for Charles McCarthy, Sarah Paterson, Charlie & Liz Harpell, and Roy & Gladys Robertson.

In lieu of altar flowers, a monetary donation will be made to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Peggy and Don Eldridge from Lynda-Jean Coffin, Betty-Anne Eldridge, and Karen-Lee Eldridge and families.

**Greeters:** Robin & Ruthie Phillips, Placide Chiasson, Bert Pratt, Bob Adams

**Chancel Guild:** Prue Hansen, Diane MacLeod, Judy Rose, Joan MacDonald

**Offerings:** Total Required by Mar 4 to meet our 2018 budget: \$27,444.42  
Total Received by Mar 4: \$24,862.70

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Tue., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Princess Mary Guild 1:00 p.m.  
Property 6:30 p.m.

**Wed., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Eucharist 12:00 noon  
Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Nursing Home Communion 10:30 a.m. (Debert Ct.)  
Finance 2:00 p.m.  
Lenten Program 7:00 p.m.

**Fri., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meditation 11:00 a.m.  
Lectionary Lunch 12:00 noon

**Next Sunday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)  
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No Sunday School – March Break  
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. Bookworms & Church Mice

Rev. Lori is away from the parish from March 12-17<sup>th</sup> on **vacation**. Pastoral emergencies can be referred to Rev. Gary (902-895-2934).

St. John's hosts the **Community Dinner** for the month on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to help on the day of the dinner and also donations of food. Please check the neon green poster at the back of the church to see how you can help. Thanks!

**Bookworms and Church Mice** meets **next Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** following coffee hour in the parlour. The book for discussion will be Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. All are welcome to join us.

Our **Mitten Tree** is up for another year!! We will gladly accept donations of knitted goods to share with the local schools. Thank you!

Our **CLAY** group has opened an account at **Subway Bottle Exchange** in support of our upcoming trip to Thunder Bay. If you would like to donate the proceeds from your recyclables, please ask them to credit it to the "CLAY 2018" account.

On behalf of the Chancel Guild, Prue and Maria wish to **thank** those who contributed to the **Baby Needs Drive**. We took 61 pounds of food, health needs and clothing to the Food Bank! Items were gratefully received.

Our **Lent Program for 2018** is called "**I Intend: Generous, Intentional Living.**" This national Anglican Church program gives individuals, groups and parishes an opportunity to grow in their capacity to be disciples and followers of Jesus. This week's session will focus on treasure. Our program will run on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the parlour. See you there!

Once again we will hold a children's **Easter Egg hunt** at the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter day. Donations of wrapped eggs would be appreciated.

Our youth attending CLAY 2018 are running a **Vesey's Spring Bulb & Seed Fundraiser** until Palm Sunday. Catalogues are at the back of the church or contact Elaine MacInnis (956-2708) or elaine.macinnis@gmail.com



Are you following the competition for Lent Madness? Vote online at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) every weekday until March 28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday of Holy Week). May your favorite saint win!

Red Cherry's Soda Shoppe & the ICC Parish Players present **Must-Go Maddness** (The "Must Go" Dinner Theatre)! Join Mr. Red Cherry and his friends for an evening of poodle skirts and bobby socks at his annual Must-Go Dance. As the evening progresses, the antics promise to spin out of control faster than a running nylon! Your night includes roast beef dinner. Cash bar available. Showtimes Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church. Tickets \$35/each. To purchase contact Gail MacKinnon (902-897-2786).

**Truro Chapter Gideons Banquet** with special guest Bryan Cawthra. Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Best Western-Glengarry. It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us to hear how you can share the gospel with people all over the world who are looking for hope. For complimentary tickets phone Jo-Anne Williams at 893-7750 or email gregjo2004@gmail.com

*Gather... Worship... Learn... Serve... Grow!*

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## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### **A Lenten Prayer:**

Lord,  
Teach me a new freedom.  
Freedom to reject comparison  
And to embrace uniqueness.  
Freedom to cut ties with greed  
And feast on love.  
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence  
And feast on self-control.  
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts  
And to focus on the needs of others.  
Freedom to fend off insecurity  
And to embrace grace.  
Lord, at this time of Lent,  
Thank you for the freedom you bring.  
Amen.

### **Holy Week and Easter – Looking Ahead**

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Palm Cross Making 6:00 p.m. (upper hall)

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday  
8:00 a.m. HC (BCP) Blessing of Palms  
8:45 – 9:45 a.m. – **Parish Breakfast!!!**  
10:00 a.m. HE (BAS) Blessing of Palms

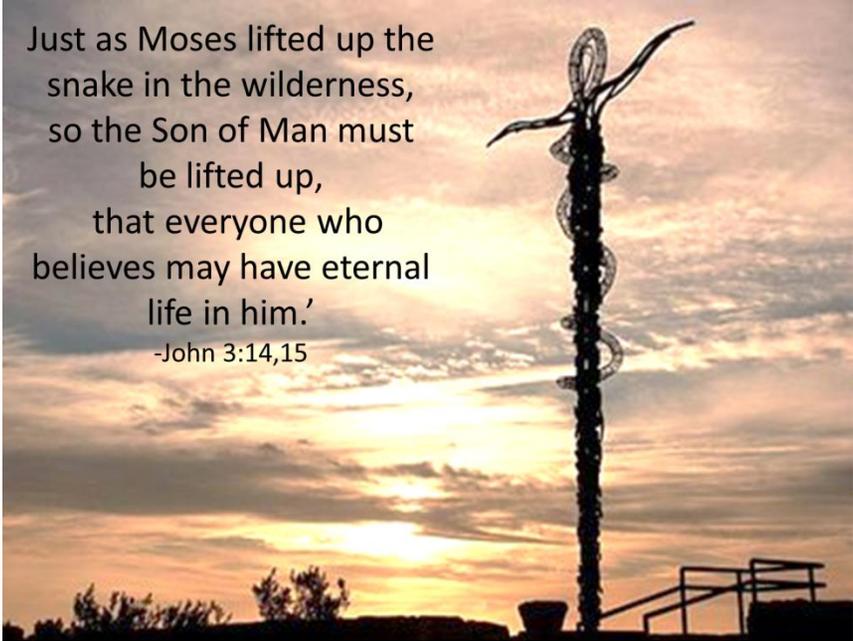
**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday  
10:30 a.m. Way of the Cross - Intergenerational (upper hall)  
11:30 a.m. – Good Friday Liturgy of Music and Word

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Day  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
8:00 a.m. HE (BAS)  
10:00 a.m. HE (BAS)  
Children's Easter Egg hunt in the church following 10:00  
a.m. worship



Just as Moses lifted up the  
snake in the wilderness,  
so the Son of Man must  
be lifted up,  
that everyone who  
believes may have eternal  
life in him.  
-John 3:14,15

**Rector: The Rev'd Lori Ramsey**  
**Associates: The Rev'd Gary Yetman and The Rev'd Dorothy Tay**  
**Wardens: Michael Stokoe and Hazel Sherren**

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