

MARCH 24TH – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. – BCP Holy Communion (*Psalm 63: 1-8 p. 405 BCP*)

Layreader: Gordon West

Collect of the Day (*in unison*): Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Layreader:** Stephen Hamlin

Processional Hymn 300 (CP) – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Gathering of the Community *p. 185*

Trisagion *p. 187*

Collect of the Day (*printed*)

The Proclamation of the Word:

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Mary Feltmate)

Psalm 63: 1-8 *p. 783 BAS*

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (Darrell Feltmate)

Gradual Hymn (screen) – Come to the Water

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9 (Sarah Slater)

Homily

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution *p. 191*

The Peace *p. 192*

Commissioning of Wardens and Parish Council Members:

Wardens: Hazel Sherren and Neil Harris. Parish Council: Judy MacKenzie, Rev. Dorothy Tay, Diane Yetman, Jason Reynolds, Bev DeVouge, Tyler Tattrie, Stephen Hamlin, Bob Adams, Gary McGuire, Leona Hunt, Kim Benedict.

Rector: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and we are given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Gathered here today are all of these ministries - of leading, healing, praising, teaching, hospitality, encouragement, pastoral care and many others. Today we recognize these gifts and ministries in our midst and we pray for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit upon them all. We pray particularly for those elected at our Annual Meeting in February to provide oversight and administration for this congregation as Wardens and members of Parish Council. As we see these brothers and sisters standing before us,

we recognize that their ministry among us is one of service with us as we all use our gifts together. Let us pray now for ourselves and for one another.

All: O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage, enable and uphold these your servants and all of us in our various ministries in this parish family. Enlighten us with your grace, and so enter our minds and guide our counsels, that in all things we may seek your glory and promote the mission of your church. We ask this grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The rector greets each person in turn.

Offertory Hymn 177 (CP) – A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #2 *p. 196*

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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*)
85 (CP) – Shepherd of Souls; (screen) – Jesus Remember Me

Prayer after Communion *p. 291*

Doxology *p. 214*

Children's Hymn (screen) – God is Love

Blessing

Recessional Hymn (screen) – Will You Come and Follow Me?

Dismissal *p. 215*

(screen) – Let There Be Love

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sheila Munday, loving mother and grandmother from Sara, David, Bret, Alyssa and William.

Praying for our Parish Families: We pray for Helen Toole, Jacquie & Jonathan Muers, Susan Fielding-Mowatt and Robert & Joan MacDonald.

Diocesan Prayer: Anglican Churches of Pictou Co. (The Rev'd Darlene Jewers) and Liscomb with Port Bickerton (The Rev'd Kristin MacKenzie and Michael).

Provincial Prayer: Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Bishop John Organ). Give thanks for the work of the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Group and opportunities for learning and worship during Lent (NSPEI); Theological students in their final year and members of the ACW (MON); Ministry of parish nurses and health teams, postulants for ordination, and Diocesan discipleship initiatives (FRED); The opportunity for families to come together during the March break, the arrival of spring, and the continued growth of our francophone congregations (QUE). Please pray for those preparing for baptism, confirmation and reception (MON); Preparation for Lent (CNL); Diocesan treasurers and financial staff as they prepare for annual audits, that religious groups may work together for peace and justice, all travelers during the March Break, and all those suffering from mental illness (QUE).

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

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

Offerings: Total Required by March 17 to meet our 2019 budget: \$33,634.70
Total Received by March 17: \$29,932.14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Mar. 25th – Stone Soup 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 27th – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 28th – Nursing Home Communion 10:00 a.m. (Wynn Park)
10:30 a.m. (Vimy Ct.)

Meditation 6:30 p.m.

Lent Drop-in 7:00 p.m.

Youth Evening Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 29th - Meditation 11:00 a.m.

Lectionary Lunch 12:00 noon

Next Sunday, March 31st: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (BAS)

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:00 Bookworms and Church Mice Book Club

Today at our 10:00 a.m. worship, we will induct our **Parish Council**.

There will be **no Sunday School** today due to March Break.

Our **Lenten Program** this year takes the form of a Sunday sermon series on the spiritual disciplines of Lent. We're calling it "**Lent – Just Do It.**" The BAS Ash Wednesday service calls us to "... observe a Holy Lent by self-examination, penitence, prayer, fasting, almsgiving and reading and meditating on the word of God." Each week's sermon will give us guidance on how to practice one of the Lenten disciplines, with a take home resource which will also be accessible on our parish website. **Each Thursday** during Lent, there will be an **informal drop-in** hour in the parish hall parlour from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. where folks can come to discuss their practice, ask questions and get support. Lent 4 will be Rev. Lori speaking on Self Examination and Penitence.

40 Days 40 Items: For every day of Lent, remove one item from your closet, kitchen, bookshelf or storage (think creatively!) Let it be an item you no longer want, need or use. Let it be something still in good enough shape for someone else to use. Place it in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate your 40 items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! A great way to lighten our material load and help others as we travel onward towards God this Lent!

We are extending an open invitation for parishioners of all ages – from seniors to youth, male and female, to attend an **early evening meditation** taking place **Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** Hope you will drop in and give it a try. If you are interested, please drop an e-mail to (diane.yetman@gmail.com) or call at 902-895-2934.

The **Water of Life Project** invites you to join us in welcoming Jim and Lynda Gehrels, representatives of Lifewater Canada, to an **Open House on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** at the NSCC Lecture Theater (Room 138, Forrester Hall, NSCC). Displays, information and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Parking for the event is behind Forrester Hall. We ask those who are interested in attending to indicate it with a mark (name is not necessary) on the sheet in the back of the church **today** so we can give an estimate to the NSCC catering department of the number of people attending the event.

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet **next Sunday, March 31st** after the 10:00 a.m. service and coffee hour. The book for discussion will be Full Disclosure by Beverley McLachlin. All are welcome to join us!

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is **Lent Madness**. It begins on March 7th (the first full day of Lent after Ash Wednesday). It's not too late to sign up! Participate by going to www.lentmadness.org

Anyone with **good usable furniture** that could be used to furnish an apartment for a single man is asked to speak to Rev. Lori.

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.

Chowder Lenten Lunches every Friday until April 12th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. \$8 corn chowder or \$10 fish chowder. Meal includes roll, dessert, tea/coffee. Children under 12 eat free. Take out available – pick up only. Please note, on April 19th (Good Friday) from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. there will be a \$10 meal including fish pie, salad, roll, dessert and tea/coffee.

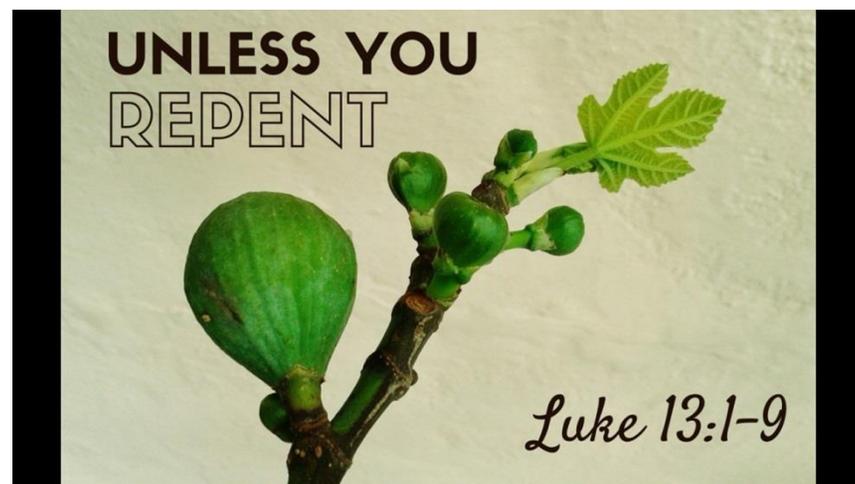


Looking Ahead to Holy Week/Easter	
Friday, April 12 th	6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)
Palm Sunday, April 14 th	8:00/10:00 Blessing of Palms/Eucharist 8:30 – 9:45 Parish Breakfast
Wednesday, April 17 th	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae
Thursday, April 18 th	7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 19 th	10:30 a.m. Intergenerational Way of the Cross (upper hall) 11:30 a.m. Good Friday Worship
Saturday, April 20 th	9:00 a.m. Morning Vigil
Easter Day Sunday, April 21 st	6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

A Date with Death: A chance to approach subjects that we don't always like to talk about and are too afraid to discuss. Come and have your questions answered... be part of a large group of individuals who are seeking non-biased information in a relaxed atmosphere. **Saturday, April 13th** from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at First United Church Memorial Hall. No cost. Lunch is provided. Pre-registration recommended. Please include name(s) of attendees. Email mattatallvarner3@eastlink.ca or call Bruce at 902-893-3177. You may also send questions ahead of time. Free will offering for the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Facilitated by Rev. Valerie Kingsbury (First United Church), Jane Gourley-Davis (Patterson Law) and Bruce Varner (Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home).

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24th, 2019



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

Associates: The Rev'd Gary Yetman and The Rev'd Dorothy Tay



Wardens: Hazel Sherren and Neil Harris

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