

10:00 Holy Eucharist BAS

Guest Presider: Rt. Rev. David Torraville

Licensed Lay Minister: Lorna Sibley

Processional Hymn: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

The Gathering of the Community

Trisagion

Collect: God of all consolation, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary, for your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we may face despair and death with the hope of the resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (Lorna Sibley)

Psalms 130

Romans 8: 6-11 (Judy Rose)

Gradual Hymn: On Eagles Wings (CP 531)

The Holy Gospel: John 11: 1-45 (Cory Lunn)

Homily – Rt. Rev. David Torraville

Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn: The Kingdome of God is Justice and Joy (CP 631)

Prayer over the Gifts: Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Breaking of Bread

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: For the Bread Which You Have Broken (CP 74)

Ablutions Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me (CP 634)

Prayer after Communion: God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

Doxology

Children's Hymn: Small Things Count

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign (CP 383)

Dismissal

Music: Let There be Love

Postlude

Greeters: Hazel & Michael Sherren

Counters: Neil Harris & Sterling Hubley

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Mar. 24th – 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, Mar. 25th – 12:00 noon service

Lenten Program "All in for Letting Go"

6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, Mar. 27th – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)

Next Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist (BAS) 10:00 a.m. Blessing and Distribution of Palms

Communion: We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

We are accepting donations of wrapped Easter candy for our children's **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Day. Help us make this fun for our children!

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red “ASK ME” buttons. If you are new to St. John’s (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don’t have an answer for you, they’ll find one!

EASTER LILIES/MEMORIALS: Those wishing to place Easter lilies in the church or make a monetary memorial donation for Easter Sunday, please have your dedication in to the office (902-897-0566) by **Wed., April 1st** for inclusion in the bulletin. Easter lilies should be delivered to the church at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, April 4th**.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter:

Friday, March 27th – 6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)

Sunday, March 29th – 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist + blessing of palms

Tuesday, March 31st – 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 1st – 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Thursday, April 2nd – 5:00 p.m. Potluck Soup Supper & Communion (upper hall)

Good Friday, April 3rd – 10:30 a.m. Children’s Good Friday Service

2:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Day Sunday, April 4th – 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. Easter Liturgy (followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

Coffee Hour dates: April 5th and 19th / May 3rd and 17th / June 7th and 21st.

Spiritual Café dates: April 10th / May 1st / May 22nd / June 12th.

Sunday School dates for this term: Mar. 22nd/ April 12th and 26th / May 3rd, 24th and 31st (Sundae Sunday).

Calling on anyone with sewing skills!!! We are planning to create some new costumes for our Sunday School to use in Christmas pageants. We’ll provide the fabric and notions; we just need someone to sew. If you are interested and can volunteer some time, please speak to Esther or Rev. Lori.

Remember **Lent Madness**? We are not following the debates this year as a parish, but you are invited to follow along at home. Sign up by going to www.lentmadness.org Have some fun learning about those who followed Jesus in the past to get inspired!



Our Lent Program this year is called “All In.” From the program intro:

“Have you ever decided to go all in for something? Maybe it was when you chose a profession or a partner. Perhaps you made the exciting but terrifying decision to become a homeowner. Maybe it was when you joined your current congregation, or, if you came to faith later in life, when you decided to be baptized.

In Matthew 4, Jesus fasts for forty days in the wilderness, then confronts the testing of the devil. Responding to each temptation, he demonstrates the kind of savior he will become: deeply connected to God’s people and God’s creation; committed to cosmic saving power, not flashy tricks; filled with love for God and everything God loves. Refusing easy food, power, and dominion, Jesus goes all in on salvation on our behalf. When his life ends on Good Friday, his commitment will be total, emptied out in love dying on the cross and rising from the grave. Jesus shows what it is like to be all in for the reign of God. It means being fully invested, deeply committed. There are no backup options. Everything is on the line.

As Christians, God calls us to a life of commitment and caring for our neighbors and our world, even when the cultures around us view our caring as naive and our commitment as pointless. The endless news cycle can be grim, and optimism can be hard to find. It would be easier to detach from the need around us, to go numb and to care less as we try to guard our hearts and our expectations. But God calls us to deep engagement instead, to care more in a world trying to protect itself by caring less.”

Our program invites us to explore going “all in” in different ways:

Ash Wednesday: All in for Repentance / 1st week of Lent: All in for Creation
2nd week of Lent: All in for the Unknown / 3rd week of Lent: All in for Wonder
4th week of Lent: All in for Relationship / 5th week of Lent: All in for Letting Go
Holy Week: All in for the Highs and Lows / Easter: All in for Resurrection

There are two ways to get involved with our “All In” Program. 1) You can sign up to receive private email devotions daily to your inbox. This is a way to read, reflect and pray about the themes day-by-day and week-by-week. Email Rev. Lori at lramseyis@gmail.com to sign up. 2) You can also join our Wednesday noon Lenten Eucharist each week during the season. The worship will feature reflection on the theme and will be followed by an informal coffee and conversation time where we’ll speak further about what we’re hearing and learning. All are welcome to any or both of these offerings.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chancel Guild’s **Baby Needs 2026 Drive** for the Colchester Food Network. We were able to deliver 278 pounds of food, clothing and other essentials for babies and toddlers.

Lenten bags and **calendars** are still available for those who have not picked one up. Bags are in the basket at the back of the church and calendars are on the back table.

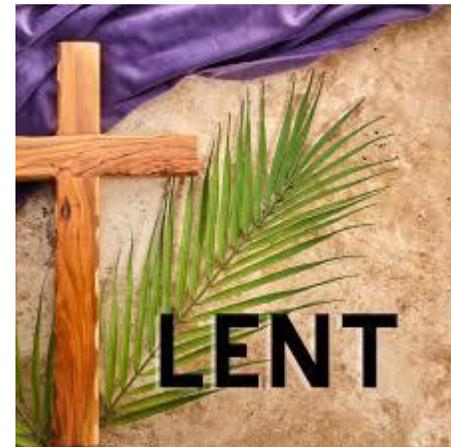
The Diocese of NS and PEI is sponsoring a **Lent book club** online again this Lent. The book for this year is [Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times](#) by Gregory Boyle. Details about the book club and sign up is available at <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/news/love-that-heals-diocesan-lenten-book-study>

This year on **Maunder Thursday (April 2)** we are hosting a **Soup Supper and Communion** service beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the upper hall. We will gather to eat a simple meal, hold a brief discussion about that last meal Jesus shared with his friends and the parallels between that meal and our Eucharist. We will then celebrate the Eucharist at that same table. After the worship, any who wish may process with us in silence to the church where the altar will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday. To make this evening happen, we need some volunteers to bring a pot of soup (your choice), others to bring breads to share, and others to bring a light dessert (cookies or fruit). A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for these items. We would also appreciate your signing up on the separate attendance sheet if you plan to be with us. Knowing numbers will help our set-up. We hope to see you there!

Up and Coming: Easter Season Book Study – We’ll be reading and discussing John Mark Cormer’s [Practicing the Way](#). This short book is a guide to being with Jesus, being like Jesus and acting like Jesus. Leadership will be shared by Rev. Lori, Cory and Natasha. Dates: Sundays – April 12th, May 10th and June 14th after worship in the meeting room. Bring a bag lunch – coffee/tea will be provided. All are welcome.



March 22nd, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Lent



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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