

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Jean Stratford

ProceSSIONal Hymn: In Christ There is or East or West (CP 484)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (sung) **CP 365**

Collect: God of the nations, all are invited to your table, for in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Genesis 45: 1-15 (Mary Feltmate)

Psalms 133

Romans 11: 2a, 29-32 (John Yuill)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28 (Darrell Feltmate)

Homily – Natasha Bejarano

A New Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – She Came to Jesus

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #2

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion and Ablution Music (instrumental)

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn – Jesus Shall Reign (CP 383)

Dismissal

Music – May the Lord

Postlude

Greeters: Lorna Sibley & Walter Spears

Counters: Jon McKinnon & Sterling Hubley

Chancel Guild: Team May

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday, August 23rd – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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A warm **welcome** to all who are visiting with us over the summer months! We hope that our sanctuary is a restful place for you and a time of encounter with our gracious God. May you journey on in safety.

Our office is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays only** in the summer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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're 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.

Angela will be on vacation from August 24th - 28th. Maria will fill in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings that week from 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

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!

Welcome Wednesdays have begun. The church is open each Wednesday this summer from 10:30 – 2:00. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Leona Hunt at lhunt69@gmail.com. If not, why not drop by to meet your neighbours, have conversation and share in Morning Prayer held each Wednesday at 11:00.

Book Study: There will be one more session of the book study on John Mark Cormier’s Practicing the Way. We will consider the section on a Rule of Life on **Sunday, September 13th** after the worship. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide the coffee/tea. All are welcome. Books are available in the parish office for \$30. Practicing the Way also has a podcast available at:

Podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/practicing-the-way/id1729195085>,

Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=practicing+the+way+podcast

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/7dHIByUQ588Li9pUtv0TDn>

Your Spiritual Development Committee is seeking creative entries to a **logo contest**. We’re working on Welcome Bags for newcomers to the parish and we need a bright and eye-catching logo for screen printing onto our gift bags. Design a logo that shows something about St. John’s and who we are. There will be a prize for the chosen logo. Get out your pencils and paints and submit something to the office. Open to all parishioners of any age!

Our choir has ceased formal rehearsals for the summer. We have moved to our **summer music format** with a reduced number of hymns and a pick-up choir. May those who offer the ministry of music all year long find time and opportunity to rejuvenate and renew over the summer break.

Our parish **Fall Retreat** date has been set! Please mark **Saturday, September 26th** in your calendars for a day away together at the Seek Wilderness facility at the top of Young St. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, reflection, sharing and enjoying God’s good creation!

We are exploring the possibility of holding an **adult Confirmation Class** this fall. Any who are interested in seeking Confirmation are asked to speak to Rev. Lori.

Terrace Hill Cemetery is now open for the season.

Praying for Peace: During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again some people are organizing. A group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.

Lapghans Needed! If you are looking for a summer project, we’re in need of lapghans for the coming months! We distribute an average of 150 lapghans annually on the Palliative Care Unit at CEHHC. If you would like more information, contact the Hospice Society at 902-893-3265 or info@cehhospice.org

Mission to Seafarers: We will be starting our Mission to Seafarers Campaign earlier in the fall this year. Items for a regular running shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks. Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. Rev’d Bev will be explaining more about this mission at various Sundays through to the late fall.

Spiritual Café, Lectionary Study and Meditation are on their summer break. Watch for dates for their return in the fall.



August 16th, 2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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