10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Presider: Rt. Rev. David Torraville
Licensed Lay Minister: Stephen Hamlin

Processional Hymn: Love Divine (CP 485)
Gathering of the Community
Gloria (said)

Collect: O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:
Judges 4: 1-7 (Bev DeVouge)
Psalm 78: 1-7
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 (Maria Murphy)
Gradual Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (CP 585)
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 (Rev. Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Joan MacDonald
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace
Offering Hymn – God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (CP 601)

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. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #1
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of Bread #3
Lamb of God

The Communion
Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb
Ablution Hymn: Blest are the Pure in Heart (CP 439)

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. **Amen**

Doxology
Children's Hymn: Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands
The Blessing
Closing Hymn: Tell Out My Soul (CP 362)
Dismissal
Music: Let There Be Love
Postlude

Greeters: Bob Adams & Tom Rudolph
Counters: Bob Adams & Sterling Hubley
Chancel Guild: Mary Hubley & Linda Higgins

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Horace and Ella Hatfield, brothers Fred and Earl, sister Velma and her husband Jim Sutton, and sister-in-law Sandra from Arnold Hatfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Nov. 16th – Pickleball 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 17th – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.
Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
Weds., Nov. 18th – Choir 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 19th – Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.
Lectionary Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, November 22nd – Reign of Christ
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Rev. Lori will be away from the parish from Monday, Nov. 9th – Tuesday, Nov. 17th on her last week of **vacation**. Pastoral emergencies during that time may be referred to Rev. Natasha (902-956-5522). Thanks to Bishop David for presiding at Eucharist for us today.

Spiritual Café dates for the fall: (Fridays at 9:00 a.m.) - November 27 and December 18. **The topic for the November 27 Spiritual Café will be "finding hope in a world that seems hopeless."** On all other Friday mornings we will have **Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study**. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

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!

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.

Mitten Tree – Our mitten tree has gone up for another year. We receive small sized mittens and hats and distribute them to the elementary schools in our area. We welcome any donations of these items.

St. John's Games, Cards and Café: Looking for a mid-week pick me up? Drop by St. John's Hall for an afternoon of fun, friendship and refreshments. Every second Tuesday – Nov. 24th and Dec. 8th. Bring your own cards/board games or join in the ones provided. There's always laughter, good company and a fresh pot of tea and coffee. Come play, chat and unwind in a relaxed friendly space! **ALL WELCOME!**

Mission to Seafarers: We have started our Shoebox Campaign. Items for a regular 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. You will find empty shoeboxes at the back of the church each Sunday. Please take one to fill. Individual items can also be donated.

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Christmas Collection 2026: Each week we will be asking for two items and you are asked to bring in only one of them the following week. These items can then be deposited in our grocery cart. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, Oct. 18	can of vegetables / can of baked beans
Sunday, Oct. 25	can of soup (any kind) / can of tuna
Sunday, Nov. 1	bottle of jam / bottle of peanut butter
Sunday, Nov. 8	box of crackers / box of cereal
Sunday, Nov. 15	container of juice / small can of fruit
Sunday, Nov. 22	package of cookies / box of stove top stuffing
Sunday, Nov. 29	can of cranberry sauce/jelly box of tea bags/jar of instant coffee or hot chocolate
Sunday, Dec. 6	3 boxes Kraft dinner / bag of Christmas candy
Sunday, Dec. 13	small tub margarine

Monetary donations toward the purchase of potatoes, turnips and carrots.

Please remember to CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE on the items you give – they will not be used until December and we are unable to distribute outdated items.

Advent Evening Prayer: During the season of Advent, Rev. Natasha will be offering Thursday evening prayer services at 5:45 p.m. on the following dates: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Chat with Rev. Natasha if you have questions or would like more details.

Adult Confirmation Class will meet next on Thursday evening **November 19th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall meeting room.

Sunday School and **Coffee Hour** remaining dates for the fall term are November 29, and December 6 & 20.

Getting to know the Anglican Liturgy Bulletin Series

Snippet Three: The Collects

Last time in our getting to know the liturgy series we looked at the procession. For this snippet I will talk a little about what follows the procession. Specifically, focusing on the collects.

Once the processing "party" has reached their destination, the presider (in our case, Rev. Lori) initiates what is called "The Gathering of the Community," or "The Call to Worship." The gathering sentences are usually the same but may be changed out depending on the occasion or liturgical season. These gathering words invite the people to respond and can act as a sort of divine summons, turning our focus away the outside world and towards our present purpose which is to worship. In this gathering of the people or call to worship there are two collects: the collect for purity and the collect of the week. At this point you may be wondering, what the heck is a collect?

A collect (pronounced "*COL-ect"*) is a prayer meant to combine the people's intentions and the focus of worship into a concise prayer. Collects fit a pattern that was developed by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in the first Book of Common Prayer (1549). The collect begins with an address to God and to God's character or actions in the world on our behalf. Second, there is a request. Third, there is an invocation and doxology. Finally, there is the Amen. For example:

(Address to God) Almighty and ever living God, **(Request)** increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; **(Invocation & Doxology)** through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

The Collect for Purity on the other hand is a special prayer, regularly used on Sundays. Cranmer adapted it from the old Latin rite of pre-Reformation England. We say this at the beginning of a Eucharistic service, especially if the Confession of Sin will come later. This collect begins with "Almighty God, to You all hearts are open…" that should ring a bell!

In both our Book of Common Prayer and our Book of Alternative Services there are many beautifully written collects. I encourage you all to explore them and incorporate them into your spiritual practices as the structure and the words used in these prayers can lead one into a deeper sense of reverence and help one go deeper into their prayer time.

Pickleball anyone? We have set up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. If you'd like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com **Our pickleball sessions will take place Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

Advent Word: Again this year, many of us will be following Advent Word; an online Advent resource that gives a word prompt, image and reflection for each day in Advent starting on Nov. 30th. Sign up online at adventword.org to have the daily Word delivered to your inbox.

Looking Ahead – Christmas Events

Christmas Carol Sing-Along: Many of us fondly remember the Christmas Carol Sing-Along from years past. We're bringing it back!!! Set aside Friday night, **December 11th at 7:00 p.m.** for a time of sharing our favorite songs and some seasonal munchies in the upper hall. Bring your voice and something tasty to share. If you have musical gifts and would like to share them by leading a few carols, contact John Greer.

The Servant's Magnificat: Join us for a special night of locally produced theatre in our sanctuary as we host The Servant's Magnificat. The play is a dramatization of the life and work of Dorothy Day. Day was a Catholic activist who lived the beauty of poverty so as to best follow Jesus' words to love her neighbour. She was co-founder of The Catholic Worker (both the newspaper and the social justice movement), a journalist, an activist, a mother, and a devout lay woman. The show involves children and adults, spoken word and song, and is structured in four acts, each following the themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy and love. The Servant's Magnificat is a co-production between Saints Alive Theatre Society and Stumble Upon a Story, written by Sarah Higgins, directed by Jo Dixon and featuring Diane Carey as Dorothy Day. It will be presented on the evening of **Sunday, December 13th** here at St. John's. A free will offering will be taken and later donated to a local charitable endeavor. We hope to welcome the whole Truro community, so spread the word and invite your friends to this seasonal exploration of faith and action!

A Night of Christmas: Measha Brueggergosman-Lee with Steve Lee on guitar and Larry Bjornson on bass. Thursday, Dec. 10th at Immanuel Baptist Church. Cake/baked goods silent auction. Tickets $65. Call 902-893-3991 or Eventbrite.ca Event starts at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) A fundraiser hosted by Archway Counselling.

FLOURISHING FAITH: ROOTED & REACHING – Nov. 15

A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

- Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines
- Christian Education & Study
- Worship & Sacramental Life
- Giving, Serving & Stewarding



Multiplying the Master's Assets

Focus: Deploying our God-given abilities with courage rather than burying them out of fear.

THE PRACTICE

In Matthew 25:14-30, the servant who hid his talent out of fear was condemned not for failing, but for refusing to try. Stewardship requires bold, active engagement, not safe preservation. This week, pick one capability or resource you usually keep to yourself (out of fear or scarcity) and deploy it intentionally for someone else.

TRY THIS AT HOME

Write down three personal strengths or resources you possess. Choose one and schedule a concrete action this week to use it in service to a neighbour or our parish.

PARISH REFLECTION

As leadership teams, we often fall into the trap of protecting what we have—preserving institutional energy, guarding our schedules, or managing scarcity—rather than taking bold risks for mission. The Parable of the Talents challenges us to examine where our parish or our individual ministries are playing it too safe. Where is fear of failure or loss keeping us from investing the gifts God has already placed in our hands? Name one bold step your group could take if you truly believed that risk-taking faithfulness mattered more than safety.

"For it is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property... Afterward the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."
— Matthew 25:14, 19

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25th Sunday after Pentecost



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