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we gather is the traditional unceded
territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet)
and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Alternative Services*, and incorporating some Celtic liturgical content.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Scripture Sentence.

Opening Hymn *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”* CP 520

Acknowledging God

The light, grace, and joy of the Lord
be with you all.

And also with you.

We call upon the Sacred Three
**to save, shield and surround
this place and everywhere we go,
this day, this time,
and every day, every hour.**

In Contrition before God

There is one God
and one mediator between heaven and earth,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave Himself as a ransom for all people.

“Lord, Have Mercy.” (*Kyrie eleison*) - sung three times by all

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

As we continue with our confession,
please kneel or be seated.

Whoever is on the Lord’s side, let us pray together,
that we may come to the visions of God.

**Create a clean heart within me, O God,
so that it may become your chosen shelter**

and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.

**I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,
over the tablet of my hardened heart,
and I beseech the living God of the universe,
may the Light of lights come to my shadowed heart
so that I may live in the power of your love.**

Pause, for a time, for Quiet and Reflection

The bounty of your love cannot be contained, O Lord.
**I know indeed that you are beautiful.
Put forth to me the power of your love,
leaping over the mountains
of my transgressions, in the confession of my sin,
and wash me in the true blood of conciliation.**

God pour down upon you from heaven,
by the shed blood of Christ on the cross,
the rich blessing of the forgiveness of God.

Grant to us, O Saviour of Glory, the fear of God,
the love of God and His affection,
and the will of God to do on earth at all times
as angels and saints do in heaven.
In the name of Abba, Son, and Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

In Praise of God's Forgiveness

I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
**that heals the weakness of my body.
I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
that heals the weakness of my soul.
I praise the wounds and the blood of the Lamb
that heals the weakness of my spirit.**

**Praise be to the blood of the Lamb
in His forgiving, healing, renewing power.**

**I praise the blood of the Lamb
that makes all things new.
Glory to God! Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

4^b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on

towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. [NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

- 1 My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 2 I love Thee because Thou has first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 3 I'll love thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."
- 4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

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Gospel John 12:1-8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Fr Keith Joyce
Quiet time – for reflection
The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People – A Lenten Litany

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”)

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout
the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it
may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to
you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and
sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and
reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we
pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be
relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you,
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of
God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We offer to you all our prayers, for yours is the majesty, O
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

ALL STAND AS YOU'RE ABLE

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED

Offertory Hymn *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit,
A holy spirit in me.
- 2 Cast me not away from Thy presence,
O cast me not from thy presence,

But renew a right spirit within me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.
And uphold me with thy loving spirit,

- 3 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right a loving spirit
A holy spirit in me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;

Prayer over the Gifts

While still standing, let us pray.

Holy God, we offer ourselves to you, in and through this Eucharist. By the celebration of these mysteries, make us partakers of your divine nature, and transform us evermore fully into the Body of Christ. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
The Spirit of God is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are indeed worthy, Lord God, to receive all glory and honour and power; for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created. But especially we praise you, heavenly Father, for our Saviour Jesus Christ, bright image of your glory, and your eternal Word, who took the form of a servant, was born in our likeness, and died for us on the cross.

By his death he has offered the one perfect sacrifice, sufficient for the sins of the whole world, meeting in full all the requirements of your righteousness. By his rising to

life again he has restored us to life forever, and has given us your promised Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our inheritance:

Therefore, with your whole creation and with all your people since time began, we honour and glorify you, with words of never-ending praise, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

We do not presume to come to your table, holy Lord, trusting in our own goodness. For we are not worthy even to gather the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. And now Father, as we eat this bread and drink this wine, grant that we may share by faith in all the benefits of the death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Give us the assurance of your love and complete forgiveness, so that we may always live in you, and you in us.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body broken for you. Take and eat this, in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Eating this bread and drinking this cup together is a sharing in the death of Christ.

Thank you, Lord, for this assurance that we shall eat and drink with Christ when he comes in glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

While the church receives communion, take this time to reflect or pray or sit in silence and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

“Come to My Heart”

1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way.
 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, come to my heart today.
 Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.

2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way.
 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus, fill me with love today.
 Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.

3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus, teach me to walk in your way.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus, Answer my prayer today.
 Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring.
 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing.

“Come to My Heart”

Words and Music Jo Pinson

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“As the Deer”

1 As the deer pants for the water,
 so my soul longs after You.
 You alone are my hearts' desire
 and I long to worship You.

Chorus *You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

2 I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye. *Chorus*

3 You're my friend and you are my brother
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything. *Chorus*

"As the deer"

Words and Music Martin Nystrom

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AFTER COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion

As we kneel or are seated, let us pray.

Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Solemn Prayer over the People for Lent 5

Look with compassion, O Lord,
upon this your people;
that, rightly observing this holy season,
they may learn to know you more fully,
and to serve you with a more perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO KEEP A HOLY LENT

Dismissal

Go to keep a holy Lent.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Song *“Therefore the Redeemed”*

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy;
And sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

“Therefore the Redeemed”

Words and Music Ruth Lake

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Marilyn G. & Wendy Maxwell
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Patti Vaughan & Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Heather Masson
<i>Second Reader</i>	Wendy Maxwell
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Organist & Choir Director</i>	David Mitchell
<i>Presider & preacher</i>	Keith Joyce
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Terry Ricketts

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, April 6, 11:45 am	Lori McGovern
HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	Art VanWart Susan VanWart Ann Stone
Mon, April 7, 11:30 am	Bruce MacLeod
HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	Robert Green

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

Mon, April 7, 6:30 pm	<u>Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
Wed, April 9, 10:00 am	<u>Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard</u> (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
Wed, April 9, 7:00 pm	<u>Choir practice</u> (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

Thurs, April 10, 2:00 pm L.I.F.T. [*Ladies in Fellowship Together*] (Small Hall) For more info contact Janet Brown at 506 721-6574

LOOKING AHEAD

Sat, April 26, 9:00 am Vestry (Small Hall) For more info contact Terry Ricketts at 506 672-4696 or Susan Jack at 506 333-9931

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

The strength of expression in the flexibility of liturgy – Lenten worship

The use of the liturgy is never meant to be static in its character. Different seasons have various emphases that can be reflected liturgically. This is seen significantly in Lent.

As part of its seasonal character, in Lent we do not use the more exuberant expression of praise, “Alleluia,” spoken or sung, and we omit the “*Glory (be) to God*”, the *Gloria in excelsis*, in all of our Eucharistic liturgies.

And replacing the usual Blessing there will be a *Solemn Prayer over the People* as a Lenten practice. While this may be new to some, it is a very old tradition that has ancient precedent in the life of the Church, in both the East and the West.

Violet is Lent’s liturgical colour, to express its penitential character.

Also, during Lent, our worship space is more ‘austere’, with the usual banners and more ‘shiny’ elements such as our candlesticks, having been removed (more accurately, exchanged for ‘humbler’ items). In keeping with this there are no flowers in the Sanctuary during Lent, except perhaps on Mothering Sunday, the 4th Sunday in Lent, often thought of as ‘Refreshment Sunday’. Also, the Paschal Candle has been removed, only to return at Easter, though it would be used for funerals in Lent. These ‘adjustments’ use the visual dimension of our senses to remind us of the penitential character of this season.

Notes on Today’s Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21 Writing towards the end of the Exile, the prophet speaks for God and foretells a new beginning. He reminds the Israelites of his mighty acts in turning back the Egyptian armies at the Reed (or Red) Sea. In a new way but with similar intent, he will act again. He is beginning to do so now.

Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul has warned the Christians at Philippi about people who try to convince them that being a true Christian requires acceptance of Jewish law, including circumcision; however he says that an internal circumcision of the heart – and not legally accepted external circumcision – is what is required of us. External observance cannot make up for a lack of internal conversion.

John 12:1-8 Jesus has almost completed his journey to Jerusalem. He has raised Lazarus, brother of Martha and Mary, from the dead. Judas Iscariot does not understand the uniqueness of Jesus' death. Helping the poor is important, but Jesus' death and resurrection are even more so. © 1996-2022 Chris Haslam

Next Sunday – April 13 *The Sunday of The Passion-Palm Sunday* Scripture readings Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home

Andrew Aalund, Paula Baldwin, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Bea Conley, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Ann Hoben, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Gordon Morrell, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of April 6-12

Mon: Michael and Tanya Dixon, Jenna & Emily

Tue: Joshua Divahar

Wed: Rick and Beverly Doiron and Family

Thur: Ernest and Catherine Ellingwood

Fri: Our Sexton, Larry Totton

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:

In April, we pray for shipping companies and ship managers, that they may conduct business that is profitable and offer employment that is fair to the seafarers.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point and will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows best what we need! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

To initiate the prayer-tree ministry please call your request to our “Captain”, Ngaire Nelson 672-8666

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

*Come one, come all
for these times of
significant worship.*

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 10:30 am

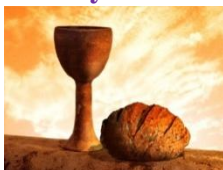
**+ Palm Liturgy, Reading of
The Passion, & Holy Communion**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 7:00 pm

+ Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar



+ Prayer Watch – time to pray – to *'keep watch with Jesus'* – starts right after the service to **9:30 pm** (come and go as you'd like – whenever and for however long)

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 12:00 noon

+ The Celebration of the Lord's Passion



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

April 20, 10:30 am

**+ Holy Communion of Christ's
Resurrection**

