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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Greeting and Opening Sentence

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Opening Hymn “To God Be the Glory” CP 371

- 1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory,
Who great things has done!*

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
That when the offender, repenting, believes,
Through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.
- 3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

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The Exhortation

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The General Confession

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Prayer for Pardon Through the Cross

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Versicles and Responses, and Gloria Patri

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THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, ***
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ***
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ***
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
 it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and**
 your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading Romans 4:1-17

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by^[a] Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ⁶So also David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness irrespective of works:

⁷‘Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.’

⁹Is this blessedness, then, pronounced only on the circumcised, or also on the uncircumcised? We say, ‘Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.’ ¹⁰How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, ¹²and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who

gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. [NRSV-A]

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Gradual Hymn *"To Abraham and Sarah"* CP 468

Gospel John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Sermon Brenda Clayton

The Benedictus (spoken) *page 9*

The Apostles’ Creed *page 10*

Hymn for the Offering “*How Deep the Father’s Love*”

- 1 How deep the Father's love for us,
 How vast beyond all measure,
 That he should give his only Son
 To make a wretch his treasure.
 How great the pain of searing loss
 --The Father turns his face away,
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory.

- 2 Behold the man upon the cross,
 My sin upon his shoulders;
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
 Call out among the scoffers.
 It was my sin that held him there
 Until it was accomplished;
 His dying breath has brought me life
 --I know that it is finished.

- 3 I will not boast in anything,
 No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
 His death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from his reward?
 I cannot give an answer,
 But this I know with all my heart,
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Mutual Salutation, Kyrie, Lord's Prayer *page 10*

Suffrages *page 11*

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray. **REMAIN STANDING**

Almighty God,
Whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Collects for Peace and Grace *page 11*

Prayer for the King and Commonwealth *page 12*

Prayer for the Clergy and People *page 13*

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General Thanksgiving *said together* *page 14*

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom *page 15*

“The grace” *said together* *page 15*

Closing Hymn “And Can it Be” **MP 33**

**Those serving for this church's worship and learning
today:**

<i>Bulletin preparation</i>	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lori Maker & Carol Patterson
<i>Sunday School</i>	Laura Janes
<i>Sound system</i>	Chris Titus
<i>Greeter</i>	Pam Boucher
<i>Layreader & First Reader</i>	Brenda Clayton
<i>Second Reader</i>	Ann Stone
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Layreader
<i>Keyboardist</i>	Helen Gollings
<i>Guitarist</i>	Shayne Galbraith
<i>Officiant & preacher</i>	Paul Desjardins
<i>Counters</i>	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
<i>Building care</i>	Shayne Galbraith

Those serving in our outreach this week:

Sun, Mar 1, 11:45 am	No Lunch
HVHS Lunch Programme preparation (Large Hall kitchen)	School is closed for March Break
Mon, Mar 2, 11:30 am	No Lunch
HVHS Lunch Programme delivery (from Large Hall)	School is closed for March Break

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

THIS WEEK

Wed, Mar 4, 7:00 pm

Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun, Mar 8, noon

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
right after worship – a "*bagged
lunch*" will be provided for all who
attend!**

LOOKING INTO LENT & HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday – March 08 *Third Sunday in Lent* Scripture
readings Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 02, 7:00 pm

+ Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar

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

GOOD FRIDAY, April 03, 12:00 noon

+ The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

NOTICES

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***Happy Birthday this Week to:***

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March 1 – Mykayla Spinney

March 3 – Katelyn Pickel-MacDonald



### **Upcoming Election of Wardens and Vestry**

At our Annual Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, we need to elect two new **Wardens** as Terry and Susan have completed their term. The role of warden has some key components but tends to change according to the skills and interest of the person in the role. The main responsibilities include:

1. Support the incumbent in the wider mission of the church.
2. Ensure that the financial activities of the church including recording offerings, reviewing expenditures, signing cheques and creating tax receipts are taken care of.
3. Ensure a welcoming atmosphere for the congregation and visitors.
4. Ensure that the maintenance, safety and use of our church building and rectory are appropriate.

If you feel called to become a warden, you will have the support of a strong leadership team.

We are also looking for new **Vestry members** and are grateful for those who are willing to serve another term. Being on Vestry is a great way to learn more about your church.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry or Susan.

## **PRAYER**

### **Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes**

Ginny Abbott, Diane Cormier, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Ruth Northeast, Elizabeth Parks, Elsie Rusling, Arlene Trask

### **Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home**

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

**Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle:**

In March, we pray for the families of seafarers who are facing the adventures and perils of life alone.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer for Week of March 1-7**

- Mon:** David and Wendy Maxwell and Family
- Tue:** Wade and Kathy McDonald and Katie
- Wed:** Lori McGovern
- Thur:** Lois McHarg
- Fri:** Saint John Mission to Seafarers, Staff & Volunteers

*Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.*



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**+ Holy Communion & Stripping the Altar**



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God bless each one as we continue in

