

PARISH OF LANCASTER

*Diocese of Fredericton
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***Celebration of New Ministry Service for
Rev. Christopher Ketch
Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 4:00PM***

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of Fredericton**

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Sunday 4:00^{PM} Service:

**Celebration of New Ministry with Holy
Eucharist**

(Book of Alternative Services)

Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Processional Hymn

CP # 505

“Be Thou My Vision”

Greeting and Prayer (BAS p.185)

Officiant: My brothers and sisters in Christ,
Christopher has been chosen to be pastor of
this parish of **Lancaster**.

After prayerful consideration,
and according to the practice of this diocese,
I have appointed **Christopher**
to this position of leadership
in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work
done through the years in this community,
and is part of the work and witness
of the whole church.

It is a new beginning
because **Christopher** brings particular gifts
to our ministry together.

As we stand in God's presence
let us pray that grace will be given to **Christopher**,
and to all of us in this ministry,
that we may fulfil the responsibilities
which are ours.

Silence is kept.

Collect for the Day

**Almighty God,
by your grace alone
we are accepted and called to your service.
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

6 Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a boy.' 7 But the LORD said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and
the LORD said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth. [NRSV-A]

Hear God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 **The Lord loves the righteous;**
 the Lord cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading Romans 12:1-18

A reading from Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

[NRSV-A]

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 15:1-17

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. [NRSV-A]

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

Covenant in Ministry

We certify
that the required oaths and declarations
have been made,
and the letters of appointment and license
have been read in our presence.

The officiant asks the new minister,
Do you,
in the presence of this congregation,
commit yourself to the responsibility
entrusted to you?
The new minister replies,
I do.

*The officiant asks the people of the parish to stand
and says,*
Do you, the people of the parish of **Lancaster**,
commit yourselves to share with **Christopher**
in the ministry of this parish?
People We do.

The officiant asks visitors to stand, and says,
As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ,
will you support **Christopher** and the parish of **Lancaster**
in their ministry together?
People We will.

*Representatives of the congregation may present various appropriate
symbols of the ministry of the whole people of God.*

Wendy Maxwell and David Mitchell present a bible, saying,
Christopher, hold before us
the story of God's love and mercy
and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ.
Be among us as a preacher of the word of God
and teacher of the faith.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in proclaiming the Gospel of hope and life.
People Amen. We have good news to share.

Mary Yates, Kim Graham and Livna, present a vessel of water,
saying,

Christopher, in the water of baptism
we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Be among us as one who baptizes
into the community of Christ.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in rejoicing in our baptismal fellowship,
and in nurturing the community of faith.
**People Amen. May we all grow
into the full stature of Christ.**

Laura Janes and Sharon Titus present oil, saying,
Christopher, hold before us the anointing of the Holy Spirit
for wholeness of life.
Be among us as reconciler and healer.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in the ministry of reconciliation and healing,
so that through the power of God
we may bring wholeness of life to all people.
**People Amen. In forgiveness and healing
we find new life.**

Shayne Galbraith and Janet Brown present a copy of the canons of
the diocese, saying,
Christopher, we look to you
to work with the committees
and organizations of the church,
and in our community,
so that our administration
may serve Christ and his Gospel
and not just ourselves.
Be among us in wisdom and humility,
in discernment and good humour.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in working for the building up of Christ's Church.
People Amen. We are the Body of Christ.

Susan Jack and Terry Ricketts present the keys of the church, saying,
Christopher, we look to you to lead and encourage us
to be an open, welcoming community.
Accept these keys,
and let the doors of this place
be open to everyone.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in welcoming all who would come
into the fellowship of the people of God.
People Amen. May we greet Christ in all who come.

*The Lay Readers **Brenda, Heather, Joyce and Paul** present prayer books, saying*
Christopher, we look to you to lead us in worship,
so that, in word and sacrament,
we may be renewed in our life together
in our Lord Jesus Christ.
Receive these books
and be among us as a person of prayer.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me,
and with the whole Church,
in regular and constant prayer to our God.
**People Amen. In quietness and confidence
will be our strength.**

At this time the Layreaders will also sign their Parochial Layreader License, confirming the authority given them to continue their duties in the Parish of Lancaster.

Fr Keith and Mrs. Elinor Joyce present bread and wine, saying,
Christopher, we look to you
as one who presides at the eucharist
and shares with us
and with the whole church
in the breaking of the bread
as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.
Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

The new minister replies,
I invite you all to join with me
in making eucharist together,
in company with the church in every age.
**People Amen. May we know the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.**

The officiant says to the new minister,
Christopher, let all these be signs of the ministry
which is mine and yours,
and is shared by all the people of God.

The new minister replies,
Amen. May we find joy together
in the service of Christ.

The officiant addresses the congregation,
I present **Christopher** as the leader of your ministry,
and I invite your welcome.

The congregation may respond.

The new minister says,
Dear friends in Christ,
let us pray that this ministry we share
may accomplish the purpose of God's grace.
Let us pray for the world,
the universal Church,
and for ourselves.

Prayers of the People

(*Litany #18 BAS p. 126*)

The Peace

(*BAS p. 192*)

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory Hymn

“I Feel the Winds of God Today”

**I feel the winds of God today;
Today my sail I lift,
Through heavy oft with drenching spray
And torn with many a rift;
If hope but light the water's crest,
And Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
And brave another cruise.**

It is the wind of God that dries

My vain regretful tears,
Until with braver thoughts shall rise
The purer, brighter years;
If cast on shores of selfish ease
Or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
And I'll put back to sea.

We stand as one in West Saint John,
A crew for Christ the King;
With Word and Water, Bread and Wine,
Our offering we bring.
With open doors and healing grace,
The Spirit fills our sail,
To see the Light in every face,
Whose love shall never fail.

If ever I forget your love
And how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above;
It bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
You will not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
Today my sail I lift.

The Great Thanksgiving

(BAS Prayer #2, page 196)

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

(BAS Sentences #2, page 212)

The Communion

"O Holy Spirit"

O Holy Spirit, come to this place.
Come in your glory, come with your grace.
Come with your fire and sweep through our hearts.
Kindle the flame that has died.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Holy Spirit
Set us apart.

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"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CP 504 (choir ladies)

"Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant" CP 500

Prayer after Communion (BAS page 214)

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

CP # 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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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.