

25 October 2026

10:30 a.m.



Trinity Knot, Kristen Fox (1968-2026)

21st Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall

Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Heritage  *Faith*  *Vision*

St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

Prelude "After an Old French Air"

Percy W. Whitlock (1903-46)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd

Peter Nardone

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

393 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST DENIO

OPENING GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

THE COLLECT

Your love O God is boundless, and through your Son, you have shown us how to love one another. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbours and ourselves. May that love overflow into joyous service and bring healing to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

PSALM 90: 1-6, 13-17



Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

Refrain

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night. You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Refrain

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

Refrain

Show your servants your works, and let your glory be over their children. May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Refrain

Sitting, we listen to the SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our

appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

Standing, we sing

THE GRADUAL HYMN

565 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 22:15-22

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love

your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

I Give You a New Commandment

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

Standing we say together:

THE SHEMAH

(The prayer Jesus recited twice a day)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

This is the first and great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Sitting for

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving you and all you have created. Open our hearts in compassion to see ourselves, one another and the whole world through the lens of your love.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Holy God, expand our capacity to recognize you in every place and time. In the world around us, and in the situations that perplex us. Accompany us always with good humour and wisdom that we may see you at every turn, pointing the way to hope and renewal.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

God, our comforter, relieve the suffering of those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, and bring respite and encouragement for those who care for them. We pray for those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone. Be near to those dying and as you did for Moses, give them glimpses of your grace as they journey home.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for our world, and for an easing of tensions and conflicts in all places. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear of ways we can be a peaceful presence in our daily life and work, and strengthen our hearts to be your peace.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Holy and Immortal One, you who sheltered Moses and gave him a glimpse of your Glory, shelter us from danger and hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors, rejoicing in the signs of your presence in our lives and in our world.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we

have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Standing for

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

500 Sister, let me be your servant

SERVANT SONG

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Generous God, we offer you the gifts of our hearts. In this meal we pray that you will strengthen our faith that our lives may always bear witness to your sacred story of justice and compassion. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. As we share this meal may we offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 them 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like communion to be brought to you, please signal an usher.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN

645 Come down, O Love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God we give you thanks for refreshing us in this meal. Bring continued healing to us in body, mind and spirit and strengthen our faith as we seek to share your love with one another. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

(followed by the people's Amen.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

348 The living God be praised

LEONI

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

H. Willan (1880-1968)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Coffee after the 10:30 Service hosted by the Guild

Family Play Group (Lower Hall) Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Capella Regalis Rehearsal Thursday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Choir Practice (All Welcome) Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today, Oct. 25:

8:30 Lector: Gill Osmond

10:30 Lectors: Dan Sargeant, Duncan Crowdis

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Hans van Nie

Greeters: Dan and Joan Sargeant

BOH: Jim Shephard

Assisting with the Service next week, Nov. 1:

8:30 Lector: Bruce Holdbrook

10:30 Lectors: Andrew Griffin, Maureen Moffatt

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan, Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Hans van Nie

Greeters: Dan and Joan Sargeant

BOH: Jim Shephard

The Memorial Service for Ben Smith will be Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. Those wishing to join the choir should arrive at 12:15 to robe and to rehearse the hymns.

Join us on October 31 at 5 p.m. for hot cider, treats and conversation in parade square. Spooky organ music will be presented in the church at 6:30 followed by Compline at 7 p.m.

Pirate crew (all genders) are required to join the pirate chorus which will participate in the Spooky music at 6:30 on Halloween. Please arrive by 6:20 - late crew members will be put on half-rations.