

Irritation

In a mysterious way, by God's providence, it can often be our 'enemies,' those whom we can't stand, who can actually be our teachers. What is it about them that we can't stand? How do they hook us, irritate us, drive us crazy? Do they tell us something about ourselves? Does the speck we see in their eye perhaps expose the log in our own eye? Who has helped form you in this way?

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**Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome**

October 28, 2018

BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

10:30 am

FAMILY EUCHARIST



"Lazarus, come out!"

A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. *All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.*

GATHERING

Opening Song: *Sing a New Song* Common Praise #312

Greeting and Opening Words

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

And also with you.

Your love is as high as the heavens, O God;
Your faithfulness soars through the skies.
**Your righteousness reaches the towering peaks;
Your mercy the depths of the sea.**

We shelter beneath your wings;
We feast on the food you provide.
**We open our eyes to drink in your goodness;
for you are the source of all life,
and because of your light we see light.**

Confession and Absolution:

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrong doings to the Lord,
God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us, some we cannot face.**

Parish Discernment

It's not too late to share your ideas and suggestions with the committee. Speak to any one on the committee; we'll be glad to have a conversation with you or accept a written response.

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 Stay tuned! More to come.

Remembrance Day

We invite anyone that may have wartime/military memorabilia to bring it to our Remembrance Day service on **November 11th**. Items may be placed on a display table, if you choose to do so.

The **Parish Fall Turkey Supper this Saturday November 3rd from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** There will be a bake table, a craft table and a book table. Tickets are \$12/adult or \$6/child available at the door. Donations of food for the supper or the bake & craft tables are greatly appreciated. (please tag bake table items with your name or church envelope #) We will need help with set up & food preparation on Friday, serving the meal on Saturday and cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to lend a hand, see the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Sr. Alice is pleased to announce that the **Syrian family** that we have been praying for finally arrived in Halifax **September 17th**. There will be a **social to welcome** them next Sunday October 28th at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Mother Teresa Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Spiritual Movement for Ecological Justice - KAIROS

All are welcome to this time of learning and meditation! To nurture our spirits and root ourselves in our local watershed as we continue on a path towards reconciliation. **Sunday, November 18th** at 11:30 and 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Christ Church 61 Dundas Street Dartmouth. 11:30 a.m. Optional Meditation & Movement; 12:30 p.m. Lunch provided; 1:30 p.m. Main Session. Register: bit.ly/2Pn44Mm.

**Forgive us;
 set us free to hear your word to us;
 set us free to serve you.**

God forgives you.
 Forgive others;
 forgive yourself. (silence)

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
 approach your God in peace.

Praise Song: He Rose Common Praise #233

Opening Prayer: (together)

**Almighty God,
 whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
 the mystical Body of your Son,
 grant us grace to follow your blessed saints,
 in lives of faith and commitment,
 and to know the inexpressible joys
 you have prepared for those who love you,
 through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

John 11:1- 44 Dramatized - *The Raising of Lazarus*

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

Song after the Gospel: **In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

In the bulb there is a flower;
 In the seed, an apple tree;
 In cocoons, a hidden promise:
 Butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter
 There's a spring that waits to be
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
 Seeking word and melody;
 There's a dawn in every darkness,
 Bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future;
 What it holds, a mystery,
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
 In our time, infinity;
 In our doubt there is believing;
 In our life, eternity.
 In our death, a resurrection;
 At the last, a victory,
 Unrevealed until its season,
 Something God alone can see.

Sermon

Children's Creed

**I believe that God is my Father in Heaven,
 that he made the world,
 that he gives me life,
 that he helps me grow.**

**I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary.
 Jesus shows me that God is love.
 Jesus lived and died for me.**

Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement: *To be a Christ-centered, mission minded community embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.*

Week at a Glance Oct 28 to Nov 4

Sun 5:15 pm — Youth Group, Church & Hall
 Mon 6:00 pm — Beavers, Hall
 7:00 pm — Discernment Committee, Church
 Tues 6:30 pm — Cubs, Hall
 6:30 pm — Server Training, Church
 Wed 6:00 pm — 78th Highlanders, Church & Hall
 9:15 pm — Compline, Church
 Thur 1:30 pm — Northwood Team Meeting, Hall Rental
 6:00 pm — Scouts, Hall
 Fri All Day — Set up and Prep -Turkey Supper, Hall
 Sat 4:30 pm — Turkey Supper, Hall until 6:00 pm
 Sun 2:00 pm — Set Up, Hall Rental 7pm until 10 pm
 5:15 pm — Youth Group, Outing

Wednesdays at 9:15 p.m. we host **Compline**, which is a beautiful and peaceful way to end the day. Please feel free to drop in.

We are excited to announce the release of our new **Parish Website**. Here seekers and members alike will be able to find information about St. Margaret's and stay up to date with current church events. The new website is the first step in a greater initiative to grow our church's online presence. More and more people in our community are online and we want to move forward in making connections with those around us. With the development of the new website, we have created a new **Communications & PR Committee** which will help identify new and better ways to advertise our services, activities and events to the community around us. Check out the new website at: www.stmargaretofscotland.ca (same as before) and let us know what you think. Comments and

Closing Song: *When the Saints go Marching in*
(Louis Armstrong words)

We are traveling in the footsteps
Of those who've gone before
But if we stand reunited
Then a new world is in store.

Oh when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh when the trumpet sounds the call
Oh when the trumpet sounds the call
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When the revolution comes
When the revolution comes
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When the rich go out and work
When the rich go out and work
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When the air is pure and clean
When the air is pure and clean
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When we all have food to eat
When we all have food to eat
Oh lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA

**Jesus is alive now, in me and in my neighbour.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
who helps me love others,
who makes me holy,
who helps me love God better.
I believe in God's family, the Church.
I believe I will be happy with God forever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world,
remembering that, following the example of the saints before us, we
are God's hands in the world. Let us pray.

We pray for the world and for the leaders of the nations,
**That, like the saints, they may be bold in their search for
peace and justice.**

We pray for the Church and for its leaders and people,
**That we may be ever ready to share the Gospel, and to serve
our neighbours.**

We pray for all of us gathered here in worship together,
**That we may recognize each other as saints of God and
keepers of the faith.**

We pray for the earth and its generous bounty, and for our
stewardship of its resources.
**That we may have the courage to change our lives in order
to ensure its future.**

We pray for those who suffer from famine, poverty, persecution,
danger, loneliness, or grief,
**That they may know the certainty of your love and find
comfort in you.**

We pray for those who are sick, injured or in pain,
**That those who minister to them may help ease their burden
through God's love.**

...especially those we name at this time, either silently or
aloud...(pause)

We pray for all who have died and are with the communion of Saints,
That all may be one with you, and that all the saints may be witnesses to your eternal glory.

...especially those we name at this time, either silently or aloud...(pause)

Loving God, hear our prayers on behalf of all those in need. In your great mercy, comfort them and bring them hope. For you alone know our needs, and you alone can be our refuge in the time of trouble. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

God makes peace within us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn **Here In This Place** Common Praise #465

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

All things are yours, O God of Creation,

And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made;

May it become for us the bread of life.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

(All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion here this morning.)

Solo: *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?* Colleen Austin
(Colleen invites you to join her in the chorus)

Communion Song: **Sing Alleluia to the Lord**

1. Sing alleluia to the Lord....

2. Jesus is risen from the dead....

3. Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth....

4. Jesus is coming for his own....

SENDING

Prayer after Communion (together)

O God, we thank you for the gifts of this bread and wine that have served here as earthly reminders of your heavenly love.

We pray now that as the waters of the earth purify your creation,

you will cleanse us with your Holy Spirit as gentle and pure as the cool spring water, that, renewed by this holy meal,

we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Celtic Blessing

Announcements

Knowing of the sufferings that would be his, Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread. And, having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Remembering his eternal self-giving,
we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us.
Made one with him and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation. We ask this through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread:

Look, the body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

Invitation to Communion

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands;

May it become for us the cup of blessing.

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of our selves.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose Word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing. And though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the sainted women and men of every nation, and with those who now live in the Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (tune: Skye Boat Song)
**God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your light
Glory to you our God.
Blessed is he, blessed are we,
blessed are all who come;
Hosannas ring, archangels sing,
Blessed are all who come.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Blessed are all who come to your light.
Glory to you our God!**

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the World, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ, who carried to the cross sin's destructive powers, that all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope that the world's forces of darkness will be scattered and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.