

Word from the Brothers: **Companion**

Jesus is God Emmanuel, God with us, God with you, even today.
Even if your only experience just now is longing for God and a feeling
of emptiness, God is in the emptiness. Really. -Br. Curtis Almquist,
Society of Saint John the Evangelist.



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

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 2019

10:30 am

CELTIC FAMILY EUCHARIST



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

Processional Hymn: Song of Patrick (tune: Morning has Broken)

This day God gives me, strength of high heaven,
Sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth.
Flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me, strength as my steersman,
Might to uphold me, Wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
Your lips are speaking, Strength at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always,
All that would harm me, stand by me still

Rising I thank You, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest.
Firmly confessing Oneness of Godhead,
Threeness of Persons, Trinity blest.

The God of love is with us.

The Spirit of love is in us.

Risen Lord, light of all peoples, come stand among us.

**Scatter the darkness before us
that we may walk as children of light.**

Opening Prayer

The Lord of light be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, who by the incarnation of Jesus cast away the
darkness of the world, be near us as the dark approaches
and dispel the gloom of night, that we may see your light

Parish Outreach this February is: NSCC Food Bank

Please put your donations of canned foods, toiletries, pasta, soup, pasta sauce and any and all dry food/non-perishable, in the bins in the boat at the back of the church. The Student Food Bank aka campus cupboard offers dry goods and non-perishable groceries as well as some personal hygiene supplies to enrolled students, ensuring that food is available for everyone who needs it. Thank you for supporting our outreach initiatives! *Susan*

March Dates at a Glance

Sun	Mar	3 - Soup Lunch & Annual Meeting
Tue	Mar	5 - 4:30 pm Pancake Supper, Hall
Wed	Mar	6 - Ash Wednesday (Service Times: St. Mark's 10 am & St. Margaret's 7 pm)
Thurs	Mar	7 - Grief Group
Sat	Mar	9 - Men's Breakfast
Wed	Mar	13 - Mid Week Lenten Eucharist - Altar Guild, Church
Sat	Mar	16 - Sandwich Club
Wed	Mar	20 - Mid Week Lenten Eucharist
Wed	Mar	27 - Mid Week Lenten Eucharist

The Altar Guild meeting has been changed to March 13th at 11:00 a.m. following the mid week Lenten Service

Our Lenten weekday Eucharist will be on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting on March 13th until April 10th. Plan to come if you can for a mid week spiritual pick me up.

It's not too soon to start bringing in your **palms** from last year's Palm Sunday Service. These will be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday on March 6.

COME and see resident thespian Jon Peirce strutting his stuff at **Bedford Players**, along with a superb cast of seven other actors, in local playwright Joanne Miller's comic murder mystery, *Habit of Murder*. As the title suggests, the play features a Catholic nun who is also a super-sleuth. The play will run from February 28 through March 16, Thursday through Saturday nights at 8; there are also Sunday matinees at 2 on March 3 and 10. Bedford Players is located in All Saints Anglican Church at 1408 Bedford Highway, opposite Cascades Spa. Tickets are available from TicketPro, www.ticketpro.ca or 1-888-311-9090, or by paying cash at the door. For further information, check out the Bedford Players website at www.bedfordplayers.ca.

We begin the Holy Season of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for Easter with joint services on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Everyone, of all ages is encouraged to come either to St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m. or to St. Margaret's at 7:00 p.m. for Holy Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes. Whether it is by abstaining from something, or by taking on a positive spiritual practice, Lent is a time for us to give a little extra attention to our spiritual life. May we all have a happy and holy Lent:
Charles

and that your brightness may shine through us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Act of Praise

God brings light to our darkened lives.

Let us praise the God of light!

O Christ, be our light;

O Lord, shine in the darkness and guide us on our path.

O Christ, be our shield;

O Lord, enfold us in your love and protect us in your care.

O Christ, surround us;

O Lord, be under us and be over us.

O Christ, embrace us;

O Lord, be beside us, on left and on right.

O Christ, lead and support us;

O Lord, be before us and be behind us.

O Christ, encompass us;

O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, encompass us;

O Lord, be within us and all around us.

O Christ, be our light;

O Lord, illumine and guide us on our way. Amen.

A Prayer for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Praise Song: This Little Light of Mine

This Little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. (etc.)

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine. (etc.)

I won't let anyone blow it out. I'm going to let it shine. (etc.)

Shine all over Halifax! I'm going to let it shine. (etc.)

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes! I'm going to let it shine. (etc.)

PROCLAMATION

First Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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**Feb. 24th - Mar 3rd**

Sun 10:30 am — Scout Parade
5:30 pm — Youth Group, Church & Hall
Mon 6:00 pm — Beavers, Hall
Tues 6:30 pm — Cubs, Hall
Wed 2:30 pm — Prayer Shawl meeting, Betty Purcell's
6:00 pm — 78th Highlanders, Church & Hall
9:15 pm — Compline, Church
Thur 11:30 am — Casserole Luncheon, Hall
1:00 pm — Grief Group, Church
6:30 pm — Scouts, Hall
Sat 5:00 pm — Neighbourhood Potluck, Hall
Sun 12:00 pm — Soup Lunch, AGM, Hall
5:30 pm — Youth Group

Our Casserole Luncheon is this Thursday,

Please spread the word and bring a friend or two. If you are able to assist in any way, by providing a dish (casseroles, salads, desserts, rolls, etc) or lending hand, contact Anne 902-453-6912

Next Sunday March 3rd is our Annual General Meeting: Please plan to stay following the 10:30 a.m. service, or come back after the 8:30 a.m. service for a delicious soup lunch and meeting. This is a meeting for everyone in our congregation, so please plan to come along, if you can. The meeting will probably be finished by 2:00 p.m.

Charles.

Our parish **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be Tuesday March 5th from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. If you are able to assist in anyway (set up, serving, clean up, etc) or contribute foods items, see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. For those of you who love to bake or do crafts, there will be a bake table and a craft table. Items for the bake table should be labeled with either your envelope # or your name. Thanks for any help you are able to offer.

Recessional Hymn: **Shine Jesus Shine** Common Praise #460

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!



Gradual Hymn: *Ubi caritas*

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(6:27-38)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: *Ubi caritas*

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the PeopleConfession and Forgiveness

We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbour.

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Absolution)

Sharing the Peace

God makes peace within us.
Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.
Let us share it.

Announcements***CELEBRATION***Offertory Hymn: Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to 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.

SENDINGPrayer after Communion

(together)

**O God, in love you have called us to be your people,
and in love we have shared this bread and wine.
May the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts
by this holy meal and may its light guide us
on our journey and lead us home to you;
in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer,
and Sanctifier. Amen.**

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights that here represent
the presence of the Holy in our midst,

**But we will carry the light in our hearts,
and we pray that as we go about
our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the light of Christ be in our hearts,
the small light that glows like a great fire,
the warm light that feels like a great love,
the bright light that leads us on our way.
And may Christ's love so fill us
that we may be lights to the world.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Bread of life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Invitation to Communion

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

**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.**

(C.P. 363)

Communion Hymns: Surely the Presence Of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels wings.
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain

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 God 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.

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, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and of earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

The Sanctus

(C.P. #719)

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy in the heights of heaven, holy in the depths of earth, O God, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. The Word that was in the beginning, and through whom all things were made, you sent to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, that believing in him we may have springs of life within. We bless you that

in love for the world, your Son laid down his life and overcame death's powers to be our hope of life everlasting; that in love he poured out his Spirit to lead us through encircling darkness into all truth; and that in love he returned to the Source of Light to draw all the earth to himself.

To the very end Jesus loved those whom he had been given, and prayed that this love might be in them. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." in the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, poured it out and gave the cup to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is poured out for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the 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.**

Hear us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, for you are the living bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world; you are the true vine without whom we can do nothing. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, world without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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.