

**St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church**

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

**June 23, 2019**

**The Birth of St. John the Baptist**

**10:30 am  
FAMILY EUCHARIST**



*"And you, child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest; for you shall go before the Lord to prepare his ways."*

**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 **Draw the Circle Wide**

Common Praise # 418

Greeting:

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

**And also with you.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Confession and Absolution:

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.  
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: **O Healing River**

Common Praise #578

Word from the Brothers: **Presence**

God is not some unknowable, divine being, far removed from human life. Rather, God is known and experienced in the tiny moments of daily living. We see God in the wonder and beauty of creation, and the awe of worship; we touch God, in the person of Jesus, and the simple elements of bread, wine, water, and oil; we know God, who is closer to us even than our own breath. Br. James Koester, Society of Saint John the Evangelist.



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Gradual Hymn **Seek Ye First** (v. 1)      Common Praise #458

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**  
(1:57-80)

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

Gradual Hymn **Seek Ye First** (v. 2)      Common Praise #458

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us join in affirming our faith in God.

**Our God is the God of all humanity,  
of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers,  
of the sun and the moon, and all the stars,  
God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys,  
over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.  
God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas,  
inspires all things, brings life to all things,  
is over all things and supports all things.  
God makes the light of the sun to shine,  
and surrounds the moon and stars,  
brings water to the deserts  
and places dry islands in the sea.  
God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.  
The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.  
And God is forever. Amen.**

*Flowers on the Altar*

*The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Catherine (Kitty) Evans, given by her  
family*



*From the Book of Remembrance*

Today we remember on their Year's Mind

James Organ - June 23  
Elizabeth Tomes - June 24  
Georgina Hamilton - June 27  
Amelia Baggs - June 27

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*



Summer Dates at a Glance

Sat July 20	1:00 pm	Halifax Pride Parade
Tue July 23	1:30 pm	Missional Initiatives meeting
Sat July 27	11:00 am	Music Practice, church
Sat July 27	12:00 pm	Sandwich Club, Hall
Thur Aug 22	2 - 4 pm	Ward 5 Block party
Sat Aug 24	11:00 am	Music Practice, church
Sat Aug 24	12:00 pm	Sandwich Club, Hall
Tue Aug 27	1:30 pm	Garden Meeting, Church

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

Post Communion Hymn **Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**  
Common Praise #405

## SENDING

Prayer after Communion (together)

**We thank you, Lord,  
for your word and your table  
which give us the knowledge of salvation.  
Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn;  
guide now our feet into the way of peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

**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,  
for ever and ever. AMEN**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn **Come O God of All the Earth**  
Common Praise # 589

Dismissal:

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

The Prayers of the People

We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence and with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Fred our Primate and for the meeting of General Synod on July 10 -16; for Ron our Bishop and Charles, our Rector. We pray for our partner Parish of French Village with the Rev. Brianna Andrews, including St. George's, St. James', St. Margaret's and St. Paul's, and in the North End, for Bethel Halifax with Pastor Art MacDonald. For the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.  
**May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.**

We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and it's peoples way of peace.  
**May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**

We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.  
**May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.**

We pray for those in any sickness, need or trouble, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause) God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body mind and spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause) Father, into your hands we commend them.  
**Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss.**

We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause)  
**Lord, you have called us to serve you.**

**Grant that we may walk in your presence  
with your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our souls  
and your love in our hearts,  
that we may share the light of your love with all,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

***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.

*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*

Send your Holy Spirit on all who share this special meal.  
Bring us close together in the family of your Church.  
**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, and make it your new  
creation, a kingdom of peace and love and joy forever.  
**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**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:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor. He came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which causes such sadness and suffering. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always, so that we can live as your children.

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

On the night before he died he showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks. Then he broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said: "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you and said: "Take this all of you and drink it. This is my blood, of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. With Jesus we sing your praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

God our Father, we now ask you to send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

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*

Prayer over the Gifts

(together)

**God of our salvation,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and free us to worship you without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

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.**

O God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us. With Jesus we sing your praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Because you love us, you sent us Jesus your Son, to bring us home to you and to gather us together as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

For such great love we thank you, together with the angels and with all the saints of heaven, as we sing: