

*St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church*

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

Ascension Sunday/ The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 16, 2021

9:30 am – MORNING PRAYER  
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES



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.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

1 Peter 3:15

MORNING PRAYER- BOOK OF ALTERNATIVES  
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Lay Minister: Wynne Whitten-Holmes

Prelude

Hymn: Common Praise #300 - Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Welcome: Welcome to the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in the north end of Halifax.

We are blessed as we gather together online.

We are blessed in our ministry team this morning.

We remember families in our Parish Cycle of Prayer, Our Paschal Candle is lit in memory of those families awaiting a funeral liturgy or interment, Robert Pompa, Kenneth Purcell, and Muriel Moffat.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Christian Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 *Frank Riggs*

Psalm 1 *Wynne Whitten-Holmes & Rebecca Fairless,*

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-13 *Lilo Sawh*

Hymn: Common Praise #246 - Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Gospel: John 17:6-19

Sermon

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

Minister: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we pray,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Minister: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

#### THE OFFERTORY

Hymn: Common Praise #439 - Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Minister: Prayer from Book of Remembrance

Minister: For all your gifts O Lord, we give you thanks,  
 For the financial offering of your people for the work of  
 your church, we give you thanks, for the service of your  
 people in workplaces, community organizations and  
 our faith community, we give you thanks,  
 for all your gifts O Lord, we give you thanks

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*From the Book of Remembrance*  
Today we remember on their Year's Mind  
 Mabel Hunt - May 16  
 Frances Elms - May 18

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold  
 To pray,

All: **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 those 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.**

DISMISSAL

Minister: The Lord bless us and keep us.  
 The Lord make his face shine on us  
 and be gracious to us.  
 The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.  
 Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: Common Praise #436 – I Bind unto Myself Today  
 Postlude



## *Pastoral Care*

We remember families in our Parish Cycle of Prayer

we pray for Betty Purcell, Norma Pompa, Ruth and Douglas Rogers, Penny O'Hearn and Jean Sears.

Community Prayers, we pray for Halifax Brownies and Guides # 36.

Cycle of Prayer for the North End Churches, we pray for Aurora North End Parish church, Pastor Kevin Jolly

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Bishop Sandra Fyfe and for the Dartmouth Region

Retired Clergy of Dartmouth Region:

The Reverend Canon Charles Black and Shirlie

The Reverend Canon Edward Fiander and Carol

The Reverend Louise MacHardy

The Reverend Kirby Walsh and Linda

The Reverend Barry Connor

Widows:

Mrs. Mary Cluett

Mrs. Corrine Earle

Mrs. Edith Ebsary

Mrs. Elizabeth Pitt

Mrs. Patti Reid

Mrs. Marjorie Davis Snow

Mrs. Sheila Ferguson

Mrs. Susan Ward

World:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Anglican Church of Korea

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## *Outreach Missional Initiatives*

### **Do you have a new neighbour?**

Our Missional Committee has assembled Welcome bags, to be given to people newly moving into the North End. The bags contain various useful items and information, including information about St. Margaret of Scotland church. If you live in the North End and know of someone who has recently moved here, please take a gift bag to them, along with a warm welcome. There is a supply of bags in the cupboard in the coat room at the back of the church, next to the prayer shawls. If you know of a new neighbour but do not wish to deliver a bag to their residence, please inform someone on the Missional Committee (Ted Johnson, Margery Cotterell, Frank Riggs, Victor Day) and we will arrange for someone else to welcome them.

## *Spiritual Development*

**Compline, a Short Evening Prayer Service** from the BCP, Join licensed lay minister in training Wynne Whitten-Holmes at 9:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. To participate using the Zoom app, simply select Join Meeting, enter the Meeting ID and click Join. Meeting ID: 283 092 8271 Passcode: 3751. To tune in by phone, dial 1(647)558-0588 and enter the Meeting ID and passcode when prompted. No User ID is required.

**Readings for next week:** The Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:25-35, 37B; Romans 8:22-27; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27,16:4B-15.

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**St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:**

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



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