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*Dynamic worshippers committed to Jesus Christ;  
serving and worshipping in the power of the Holy Spirit*

*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**CHRIST CHURCH  
Amherst, N. S.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee Hour  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**“The Sewanee Service”**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**The Gathering of the Community** p. 185

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**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.**(16: 1-13)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** 23

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**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.**

(5: 8 -14)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**GRADUAL HYMN #11 CC Song Book “Here I Am  
Lord”**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John. (9: 1- 41)

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE READING**

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**HYMN 5 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

**SERMON**

**HYMN 444 “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”**

**The Creed**

## The Intercessions

*Thanking God for our earthly opportunities for mothering and being mothered, we also remember the mothering parenthood of God.*

Let us pray to our loving parent God, as children in one family.

We thank you, loving God, for giving us one another to enjoy, to laugh and cry with, to learn to live with. May even our conflicts and arguments be used in helping us to grow up in your love.

Loving God:  
**we give you thanks.**

Thank you, loving God, for showing us the way to love and giving us opportunities to give, to take second place, to accept people as they are, to forgive them when they annoy us, and look for their needs before our own.

Loving God:  
**we give you thanks.**

Thank you, loving God, for the world we live in, for the colours and shapes, the sounds and textures in it. Thank you for giving us minds and emotions and help us to reverence the whole of creation.

Loving God:  
**we give you thanks.**

Thank you, loving God, for comfort and sympathy  
reassurance and practical caring when we are ill or sad.  
Make us all more aware of the needs of those around  
us and let our loving show in action.

Loving God:  
**we give you thanks.**

Thank you, loving God, for your promise to be with us  
always, and not just until we die. We remember with  
affection those of our parents who loved us into  
existence and now live in eternity. Gather up into your  
loving arms those who have recently died and comfort  
all whose memories make them aware of loss today.

Loving God:  
**we give you thanks.**

Thank you, loving God, for giving us space and support,  
guidance and forgiveness, challenge and reassurance.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN 520 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**God of Light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer 4**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread #7**

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**The Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**The Communion**

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***Holy Eucharist is a joyful celebration of our life together in Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion here. The response to receiving the bread and wine is 'Amen'. If you would like to come forward and receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms as you come to the rail.***

**HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:**

**458 "Seek Ye First"**

**63 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"**

**Prayer after Communion**

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

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**CLOSING HYMN 602 "Lift High the Cross"**

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**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Study

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. - Bible Study

12:00 p.m. - Service for Lent of Holy Communion

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m.- Choir Practice

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m.- Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
Questions of Faith

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

**Senior's Dinner will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**This year's theme is:  
"Red & White Canada 150 years".**

**Tourtiere, salad, vegetables, cake and icecream.**

**Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy.**

**Forward Day By Day**

**Daily Bible readings for February, March and April are available at the back of the church. Cost is only \$1.50.**