

CHRIST CHURCH Amherst, N. S.

<u>3rd Sunday After Epiphany</u>	<u>January 21st , 2018</u>
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	Hour
THE HOLY EUCHARIST The Gathering of the Community	<u>р</u> . 185
The Gloria Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) Trisagion	p. 186 p. 186 p. 187

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

<u>A Reading from the Book of Jonah</u> (3: 1 - 5, 10) Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62 (vs. 1, 6 - 14) p. 782

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (7: 29 - 31) Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL - PSALM 27 - "Safe In the Hands"

Psalm 27 (Psalm Praise)

"Safe In The Hands of God"

- Safe in the hands of God who made me, Where is the man whom I should fear? God is my light and my salvation, Strong is His help when foes are near.
- This I have prayed and will seek after; That I may walk with God each day: Then will he give me His protection, No trouble shall my heart dismay.
- Thanks be to God who held my head high, Father and mother now to me, Since He has conquered threats and malice, His goodness shall I live to see.
- Teach me Your way and lead me onwards, Save me from those who do me wrong, Give me the grace to wait with patience I hope in God. Hold firm! Be strong!

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 Mark (1: 14 20)
- People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE READING

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN # 476 - "God, You Have Caused to Be Written"

SERMON

HYMN # 431 - "Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said"

The Creed

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The Intercessions

Signs of glory lead us to believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Drawn here by God, let us bring to him our concerns for the Church and the world.

We pray that the Church may be a vibrant sign of God's life in every generation and locality, serving, listening and loving, with the human face of ordinary people lit with the brightness of God.

Direct us, Lord: and we will follow.

We pray that the world's attention may be refocused on what is of lasting value; that in humility, all in authority may hear the real needs, honour them and act on them.

Direct us, Lord: **and we will follow.**

We pray that all the households and neighbourhoods represented here may be alerted to the sign of glory around them in the ordinary, daily miracles, and come to welcome Jesus as Lord.

Direct us, Lord: and we will follow.

We pray that all who are searching for God may realize his closeness to them; that wrong lives may be courageously righted, and damaged lives and attitudes mended.

Direct us, Lord: **and we will follow.**

We pray that the dying may turn to you and be safely led through that last journey to the peace and joy of eternal life. We pray that we may all one day experience God's heaven.

Direct us, Lord: **and we will follow.**

We pray that we may become increasingly aware of God's amazing love for each of us, until our hearts are overflowing with thankfulness and praise.

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

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The Peace

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN # 430 - "Will You Come & Follow Me"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

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The Breaking of the Bread #2

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

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:

313 - "Laudate Dominum"

- "I Am Sending You"

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Refrain:

"As the Father has sent me. I am sending you" "As the Father sent me I am sending you"

 And with these words He said to them "Receive the Holy One Forgive them of their sins and lead them to the risen Son" Refrain:

"As the Father has sent me. I am sending you" "As the Father sent me. I am sending you"

 Go ye therefore to the world and tell them of Good News! Teach them to do as I command and know I'm there with you!

Refrain:

"As the Father has sent me. I am sending you" "As the Father sent me. I am sending. I am sending. I am sending you."

Doxology

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.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

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CLOSING HYMN # 572 - "Let There Be Light"

THANK YOU to the Men's Club for the delicious breakfast this morning.

TODAY:

12:30 PM - St. Monica's ACW Meeting

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Today at 3:00 PM - Holy Family Catholic Church, Amherst, NS A service of song and scripture. Everyone welcome.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 22nd 6:30 PM - Spiritual Development Meeting

Wednesday, January 24th

10:30 AM - Bible Study

<u>Thursday, January 25th</u>

6:30 PM - Choir Practice

Sunday, January 28th

8:30 AM - Holy Communion 10:00 AM - Sunday School, Coffee Hour 11:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

Annual General Meeting - February 25, 2018

Reports are now due. Please forward to Dorothy at your earliest convenience.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Daily Bible Readings for February, March and April 2018 are now available at the back of the Church. Cost is only \$1.50

FOOD BANK

Items needed this month:

- Sidekicks
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Canned Stews

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Port Hill, Prince Edward Island

The Reverend Ann Bush

The Reverend Gordon Bush, Deacon St. James', Port Hill St. John's, Ellerslie St. Peter's, Lot 11

St. Paul's, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Archdeacon John Clarke and Theresa

The Reverend Jay MacDonald, Associate Parish Priest, and Carol

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Associate Priest: The Reverend Charlotte Ross

Parish Administrator: Dorothy Beal

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Sexton: Chris MacDonald

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Wardens: Brian Hupman and Diana Skinner

Deputy Warden: Charles Shewfelt

Secretary: Eleanor Perry

Treasurer: Jeff Marshall

Dorothy Beal

Marilyn Hawkes

Warren Murley Gail Gilhen

Danny Khouri

Chuck Goodwin

Nancy Travis

Brenda Manthorne

Charles Shewfelt

Synod Delegates: Charles Shewfelt and Brian Hupman Sunday School Co-ordinator: Marilyn Hawkes **Faith Sharing Questions**: Use these questions to start a conversation about your faith this week.



Name a person who significantly influenced your life. How?



Describe your favourite hobby. What pleasure does it give you?