

10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist **Lay Minister:** Kim Benedict

Liturgy of the Palms

Palm Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11 (Joan MacDonald)

Opening Hymn – He Came Riding on a Donkey

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a (Jason Reynolds)

Psalms 31: 9-16

Philippians 2: 5-11 (Sarah Lennerton)

Gradual Hymn – Give Me Jesus

Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54 (Choral Reading)

Homily – Kim Benedict

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – What Wondrous Love is This?

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #2

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #7

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn – Behold the Lamb

Ablution Hymn – Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Children's Hymn – He'll Be Riding

Closing Hymn – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Dismissal

Let There be Love

Chancel Guild: Maria Murphy, Leona Hunt **Greeters:** Mary Feltmate, Walter Spears, Clifford Holder, Cory Lunn, Mary Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, Apr. 3rd – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Tuesday, Apr. 4th – 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, Apr. 5th – 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Thursday, Apr. 6th – 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar. Followed by Vigil and Compline 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, Apr. 7th – 11:00 – 2:00 Way of the Cross (upper hall)
11:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, Apr. 8th – 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg hiding (church)

Next Sunday, April 9th – Easter Day

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS (Children's Easter Egg hunt to follow)

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet next on **Sunday, April 30th** in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

Covid precautions: At its February meeting, your parish council decided to lift the ban on passing the offering plate. We are also removing the markings on the aisle floor. Masking is still something you may wish to do, but it is not required. Please use sensitivity to the needs of others when making that decision. Until at least spring, we will continue with a hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine upon the wafer.

Hospital Changes: We have recently learned that there is no longer a Spiritual Care office available at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. This means that there is no way for clergy to access patient listings. If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a clergy visit, you will need to let us know directly.

Parish Survey: Thanks to all who participated in our Parish Survey. The answers are being tabulated. Watch for the results.

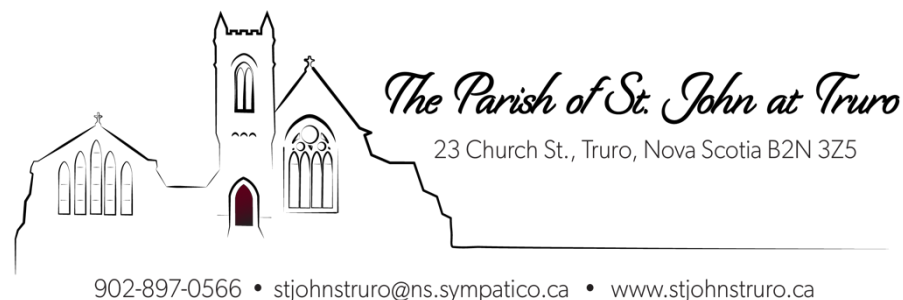
Food Table: Our first Food Table event at the Community Dinner was a great success! We will continue to collect food for the folks who attend the dinners to take home with them. Please pick up some food when you grocery shop, drop it in the bin provided at the back of the church, and we'll take care of the rest. Some suggested items: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you from your Pastoral Ministry Committee!

EASTER LILIES/MEMORIALS: Those wishing to place Easter lilies in the church or make a monetary memorial donation for Easter Sunday, please have your dedication in to the office (902-897-0566) by **Tuesday, April 5th** for inclusion in the bulletin. Easter lilies should be delivered to the church at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, April 8th**.

Once again we will hold a children's **Easter Egg hunt** at the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter day. Donations of wrapped eggs would be appreciated.

Looking Ahead (mark your calendars): Sunday, April 30th – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

Your Spiritual Development Committee invites you to a **Spring Retreat Day on Saturday, May 13th** at Whispering Spirits Farm in Hodson outside River John. We will be hosted by Karen Ewing and Carol McNutt. Our theme this time is **Alleluia, Amen!** This is another chance to be in God's beautiful outdoors, to worship Christ and to reconnect with our parish family. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins. We will share a short gathering liturgy and then have choices about how to spend our reflection time. There will be stations where you can share with others and be creative, quiet spaces for personal reflection or reading on your own and lots of trails to walk in peace. We'll brown bag for lunch and finish with another short reflection time and lastly share in the Eucharist, finishing around 2:00 p.m. We would love to have you with us! A car pool is planned and we have good driving directions to get to Hodson which is about 55 minutes outside of town. Please indicate your interest by signing up on the sheet at the back of the church. Plan to bring: a bagged lunch and travel mug for warm drinks, a water bottle, lawn chair, bug spray and warm clothes! The retreat will go forward rain or shine!!!



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2nd, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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