

## *From the Priest in Charge* \_\_\_\_\_

This week's bulletin column is a look at the Collect of the Week, borrowed from our friends at St. Peter Publications, in PEI:

*O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

We begin this Collect by asking God to “absolve” his people from their offences. To absolve a man is to “pronounce” his sins forgiven. God alone can forgive sins, but a priest is given authority to absolve a person, to pronounce God's forgiveness to someone who has confessed his sins to God. Whenever a priest gives absolution, it is always understood to be conditional on the repentance and faith of the person upon whom the absolution is pronounced. In the Collect today, as the season of growth in holiness is coming to an end, we pray that God himself will absolve his people, or assure us that we are forgiven—in our conscience; in our heart of hearts; or by our meditation upon God's Holy Scriptures (for example, “Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee” (Matt. 9. 2); or, “The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1. 7)).

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The idea of sin as binding or crippling us is also found in an occasional prayer (p. 58, Book of Common Prayer), which says: “...and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins...” The meaning of this thought is ably expressed by E.M. Goulburn:

It is as if a prisoner should say to the court, ‘Pray, acquit me, that I may be released and walk abroad at liberty once more.’ So the culprit at the heavenly tribunal prays, ‘Speak pardon and peace to my conscience, O Judge of all the earth, that I may be set at liberty to serve thee once more, to walk before thee in the way of thy commandments.’ The absolution must come first, before there is, and that there may be, this service, this walking. A man whose hands and feet are clogged with a sense of

unforgiven sin can do nothing in the way of walking, or working, or free service. He must first have the load lifted off his conscience, and then he will be free and able to walk and work, and will do so in the light of God's countenance. So the petition amounts to this—‘Speak peace to the consciences of thy people, that the impediments to a holy life may be removed.’ (Goulburn, p. 184, *The Collects of the Day*)

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These words remind us of the continual growth and progress which is required in the Christian life. The considerable length of the Trinity season provides us with an opportunity for such progress and growth in holiness. Our absolution from the guilt of sin is immediate if our faith and repentance be sincere; but our deliverance from the power of sin is gradual because of the frailty of our human nature. Speaking about the flesh which “lusteth always contrary to the Spirit”, Article of Religion IX (p. 702, Book of Common Prayer) says that “this infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated.” In other words, even after we are baptized and have taken advantage of God's sacraments in his Church and regularly received his forgiveness, our human nature will always cause us to sin again. We pray today that, during this Trinity Season, we have been, and will by the grace of God continue to be, “strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.”

[An excerpt from “The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity.” *COMMON PRAYER: A Commentary on the Prayer Book Lectionary, Volume 5: Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity to Twenty Sixth Sunday after Trinity* (St. Peter Publications, Charlottetown, PEI)]

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



## *Parish Notices and Updates* \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR PARISH BIBLE STUDY** continues each **Friday at 10:00 a.m.** in the Church. This year we will be taking a close look at the Sunday lectionary, with a series called “Unpacking the Homily – A Deeper Dive than Twelve Minutes a Week.”

**CHOIR PRACTICE** meets **Sundays after Coffee & Conversation**. Please speak to Jim O’Neill if you are interested in singing.

**COPIES OF THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS**, prepared by our friends at St. Peter Publications in Charlottetown, are now available in the Narthex. The cost is \$9.00. These lovely calendars are a great way to keep track of the Church Year as we try to grow in grace. We would be very happy to drop off copies to those who are not able to pick one up, please let Fr. Nicholas know how many you would like.

**GREENER VILLAGE** has launched their 2023 fall donation appeal to try to address food insecurity in Fredericton called *#HaltTheHunger*. If you would like to donate to their programming, you can mark an envelope “Greener Village” here at the church or donate securely online at [www.greenervillage.ca](http://www.greenervillage.ca).

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL** will be hosting a service of **Advent Carols and Lessons on Sunday, December 3, at 4pm**. This service is open to everybody and is a good way to start off the Advent season in reflection and anticipation for our Lord’s coming. Fr. Nicholas will be reading one of the lessons and encourages you to attend if you’re able. If you’ve never been to one before, you are especially encouraged!

God willing, we’re hoping to have an **ADVENT CHILDREN’S GATHERING** in the Parish Hall on Saturday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 1am**. This will involve crafts, Bible stories, and lunch. We will have activities that suit a wide age range, so we hope you can make it and invite a friend!



*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration  
for Coffee and Conversation.*

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## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



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He welcomes the sign, and acknowledges it; commends the feeblest faith in the ignorant soul, rebukes it as little only in apostolic souls where it ought to be greater. “Thy faith hath saved thee.” However poor it was, it was enough for that. Between death and the least movement of life there is a gulf wider than that fixed between the gates of heaven and the depths of hell. He said “Daughter.”

*George MacDonald*

EVE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER

# TRINITY

*Saturday, November 18, 2023*

*Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land:  
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.  
(Psalm 85)*

## **4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 91 | 1 Maccabees 6.1-17 | Acts 8.26-end

## **5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit Psalm 147.1-11:	<i>page 518</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 257</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 55.6-11
The Epistle:	<i>page 257</i>
Gradual Psalm 147.12-15:	<i>page 519</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 258</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Intercessions:	Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy <b>R. Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### NOVEMBER 21: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

### NOVEMBER 22: CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### NOVEMBER 23: CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

### NOVEMBER 24: FERIA

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)

### NOVEMBER 25: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT EVE

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer  
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### NOVEMBER 26: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*  
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, *All Saints, Marysville*  
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall*  
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♫ PSALM 147.12-15	page 519
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♫ GRADUAL HYMN:	698 (BUCKLAND)
The Holy Gospel:	page 258
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	♫ Alleluia ♫
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♫ OFFERTORY HYMN:	463 (WINDERMERE)
The Intercessions:	Ÿ. Lord, in thy mercy <b>R. Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♫ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION:	242 (ST. PHILIP)
Post Communion Prayer:	page 85
An Act of Remembrance	
♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	377 (RICHMOND)

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