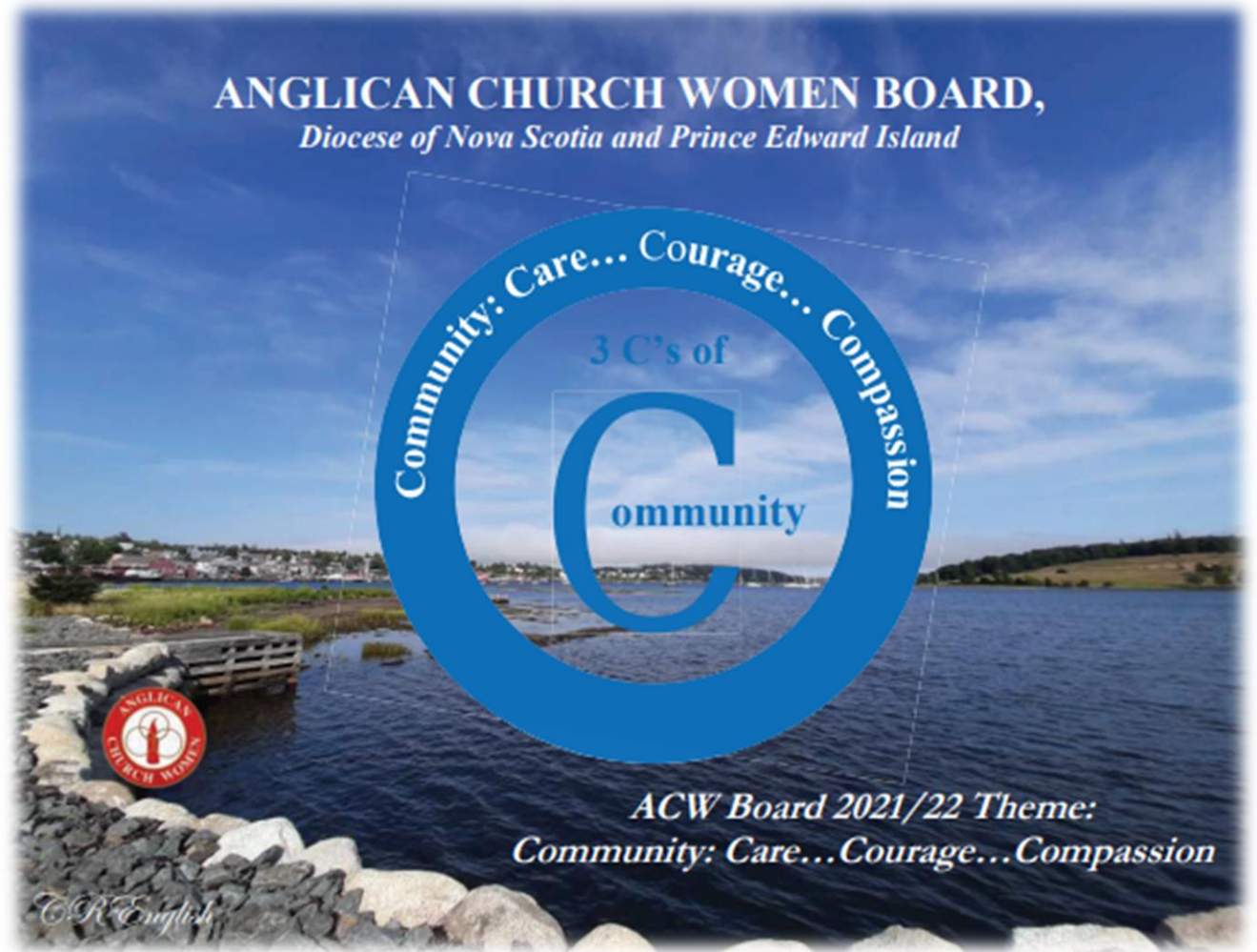


# St. Luke's Table

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT and WOMENS MINISTRY SUNDAY

I will arise and go to  
my father, and I will say  
to him: Father I have sinned  
against heaven and  
before you. Luke 15.18



# Welcome and Good Morning!

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# The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:  
The Love of Jesus  
Calls Us

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent – THE NAILS

Today we lay before the cross the nails that pierced the hands and feet of the Son of God.

The nails were our verdict, condemning this innocent man to the undeserved suffering and disgrace of crucifixion.

The empty tomb is God's verdict, vindicating him.

Yet in him, God comes to roll away our own, deserved, disgrace.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us our cruelty, and fear, and quickness to  
condemn.**

**We see the disgrace you bore because of us,  
and confess it as our own.**

**In the shadow of your cross we cry, “Have mercy on  
us.”**

Despite God's provision of manna, the Israelites feared, and refused to trust.

They wandered in the wilderness, unable to enter the promised land.

In his life and death Jesus was the true manna come down from heaven, true bread broken for us.

Although he offers the eternal nourishment of his very self, we too fearfully refuse to trust, and to enter into God's promises.



**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.  
In fear we refuse to trust you fully; we reject your  
provision for us.  
In the shadow of your cross we cry,  
“Have mercy on us.”**

Let us pray together,  
**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:  
We look at Jesus, and we look at ourselves,  
and we confess the great difference.  
Forgive us our fearful lack of trust.  
Deliver us from our willful fear;  
conform us to his trust and obedience.  
We thank you that through the resurrection  
Your grace abundantly pardons and transforms us!  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**





## Women's Ministry Sunday

was created by the Anglican Church Women Board to promote and recognize the many ways women live out God's mission in the church and in our communities.

Today, we celebrate all women and their organized groups both within our parish and beyond, and their many professional and community volunteer activities

Let us give thanks for the ministry of these AMAZING women as we say together the

Anglican Church Women Prayer

**Almighty God, we give thanks to you  
for having sent your blessed Son  
to become the saviour of the world;  
grant to us a deep sense of gratitude  
for your grace and mercy towards us.**

**Enable us by your Spirit  
to reveal your love  
in all our actions, so that your salvation  
may become known to all peoples  
and your name glorified throughout all the earth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Let Us Pray,  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**  
**and to the Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**



Merciful God,  
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Psalms 19 1–6, (alternating verses)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts its knowledge to another.

**Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

## Psalm Prayer

O God, the source of all life,  
you have filled the earth with beauty.  
Open our eyes to see your gracious hand  
in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation  
we may learn to serve you with gladness,  
for the sake of him  
through whom all things were made,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

**Gracious Father,  
Whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,  
Evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Galatians 5.22, 23a, 25

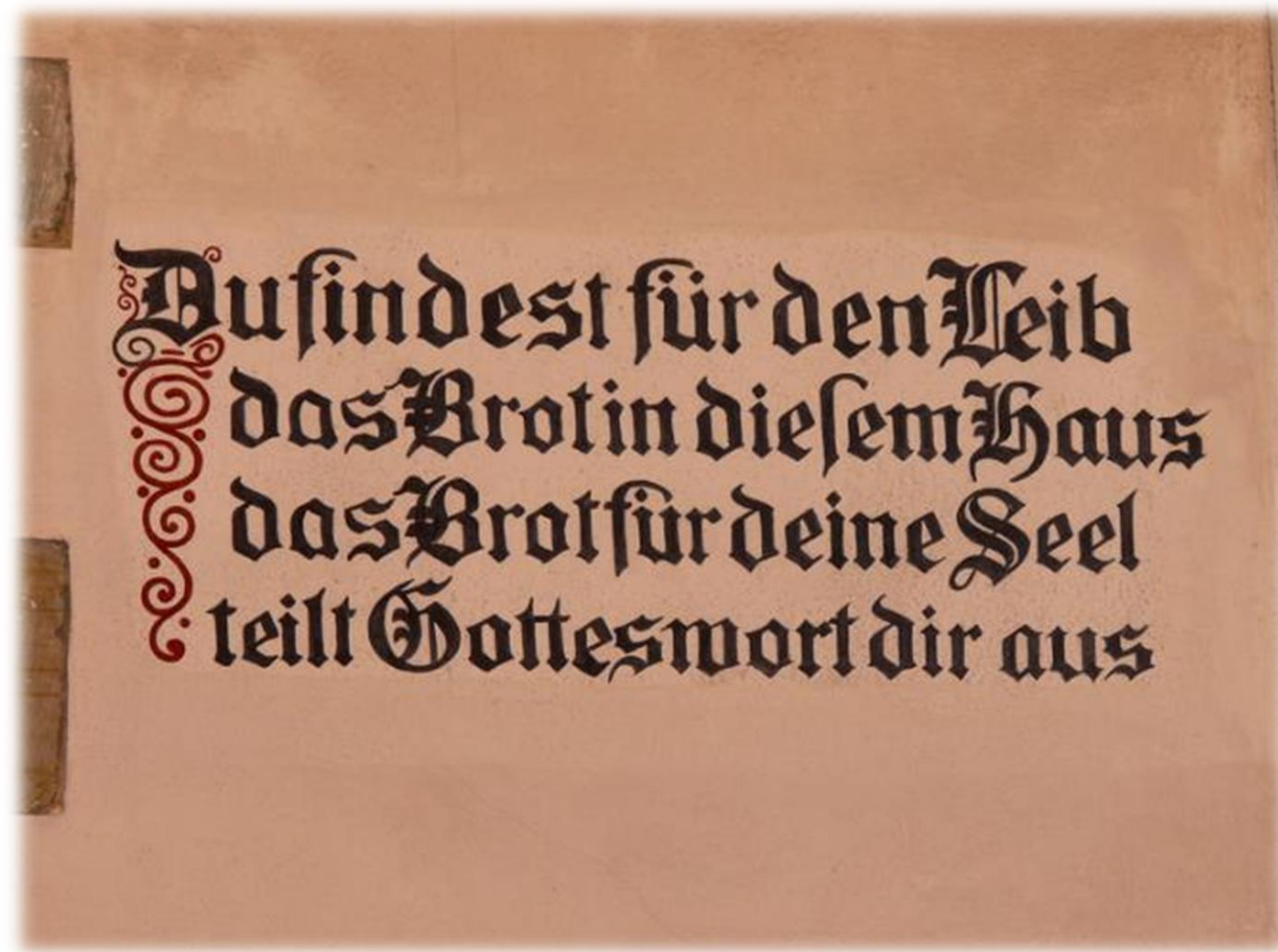
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control.

If we live by the Spirit,  
let us also walk by the Spirit.



# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading  
Joshua 5: 9-12



Bread for Body and Soul, sign in a Bavarian bakery,  
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Psalms 32: (alternating verses)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night, \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” \***  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble, \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.

**You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble, \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go, \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; \*  
Who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
Or else they will not stay near you.**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**



**Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen.**

## Malachi 1.11

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
my name shall be great among the nations,  
and in every place incense shall be offered  
to my name, and a pure offering;  
for my name shall be great  
among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Second Reading  
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21



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# Gradual Hymn



Going to Church -- William H. Johnson, Smithsonian  
Museum of American Art, Washington, DC



# The Good News

The Gospel of Christ  
according to  
Luke 15: 1-3, 1b-32



The Prodigal Son -- John August Swanson, serigraph, 1984

## Reflection



The Prodigal Son -- Jean Forain, ink drawing,  
early 20<sup>th</sup> century

Let us pray.

**God of tender care, like a mother,  
you never forget your children,  
and you know already what we need.  
In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts,  
that in confidence and boldness  
we may embody the peace and justice of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



## Affirmation of Faith

**Here O Israel  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

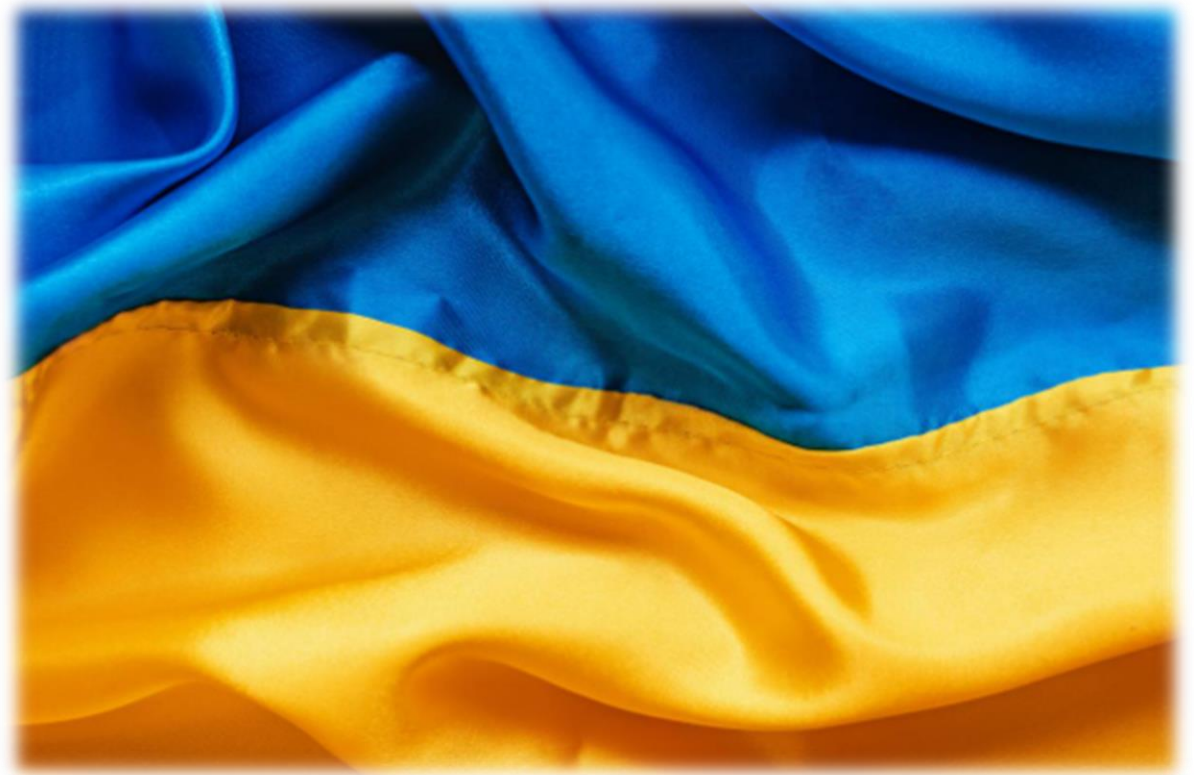
# Prayers of the People



Sunset sets the sky ablaze at South Dakota's Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Neuharth, Spencer

## A Prayer for the Ukraine

Good Lord, protect the Ukraine.  
Give her strength, courage,  
faith, hope. Amen.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJI3kVwl2-U>

www.nspeidiocese.ca



## Offertory Hymn



Prodigal Son -- John Swan, Tate Britain, London, England

## Prayer Over the Gifts

**God of mercy and compassion,  
Your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## A Litany for all the Faithful Women

Creator God, we thank you for women who are filled  
with your life-giving Spirit,

**for women with words from the divine;**

for women who advocate for justice;

**for women who speak the truth;**

for women called by God to serve in the Church of Jesus Christ.

**We lift our voices in gratitude for women who give the give of knowledge, proclaiming your saving grace, in pulpits and women's groups, session tables and kitchen tables, boardrooms and family rooms, Sunday schools and quilting circles.**



We lift our voices in gratitude for named and unnamed women who lead us in God's way. For Ruth and Naomi, whose destinies were intertwined, **we thank you God.**

For Mary and Elizabeth, who blessed each other, **we thank you God.**

We are grateful, Loving Creator, for all these women,  
and their witness and love.

**We are grateful for all the faithful women, walking  
together, serving Christ in the world. Amen.**

## Litany of Thanksgiving

Lord our God, today we celebrate women in ministry; especially giving thanks for all who have shared their time, talents and treasures through the Anglican Church Women.

The history of our Parish is shaped by these amazing women. Past, present and future, these women show us how to live as God's beloved children in God's beloved creation.

They have shown us how to live into our baptismal call to work for justice and peace for all God's creatures. Together, we say: Thank you, God!

Strengthen us to live out our baptismal call to serve you and our neighbor with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength. Thank you, God! Alleluia, **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom,  
and teach us to pray,

**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.**

The Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn



Hands Across the Divide, Harron, Maurice

*Anglican Church Women Board,  
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