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| ***Worship Calendar***  **Wednesday, March 6th**  **10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – Lectio Divina)  **Sunday, March 10th, Fourth Sunday in Lent**  **10:30 a.m**. – (Purple) Holy Eucharist (AG Team 3)  Chancel Chat with Louise Smith, Anglican Life Correspondent  **Wednesday, March 13th**  **10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – The Jesus Prayer)  **Sunday, March 17th, Fifth Sunday in Lent**  **10:30 a.m**. – (Purple) Holy Eucharist (AG Team 1)  Our local CLB Company will be present.  **Wednesday, March 20h**  **10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer** (Reckless Prayer – Breathing) |

**2024 Envelopes -** If you need a new box of envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office by email [sjtetopsail@nfld.net](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net) or call 709-834-2336. We also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To learn more about these options please call the Parish Office.

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **envelope number is on** all financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

**Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**2024 Bulletins -** If you’d like to give a weekly bulletin to commemorate the life of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for an event in your life, please contact David in the office for the dates available.

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

March 10th Gail T. Andrew B.

March 17th John C. James S.

March 24th Ken C. Philip G.

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| Bishop: The Right Reverend Samuel Rose  Diocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene Taylor  Rector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F.(Third Order, Society of St. Francis)  Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa Cox  Organists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-Ledwell  Parish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Leanne Squire  Office Administrator: David Kelland |

**Welcome to the**

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**Conception Bay South, Newfoundland**

**March 3, 2024**



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***Our Parish Mission Statement***

***We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey***

*Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”**But he was speaking of the temple of his body. John 2: 19 - 21*

This morning’s scripture suggests that you are here to meet and to be met by God. There was a day when that sort of thing happened in a grand building, a holy place where the sacred mysteries occurred, presided over by the temple priesthood.

Now in Jesus Christ, light of the world, the Word made flesh, the divine-­human connection has become embodied in a human being.

Now God comes to us, not in the holy mysteries of the temple but rather face-to-face as Jesus Christ.

Now we come to God, not in a holy place, even as holy a place as our beloved church buildings; now God comes to us as a person, someone with a human face, a human body, Jesus Christ.

On the basis of this morning’s scripture, that you are **not** to huddle in a holy

place so you can try hard to climb up to God.

You **attend worship** to be met by Jesus, to celebrate the truth that we need not build some

grand temple to God in order to be close to God; **God has built a grand temple for us in order to be close to us: Jesus Christ.**

John says that now you do not have to buy your way into God’s good favor by buying a lamb or a dove from the money changers. You just have to let yourself be loved by this Jew from Nazareth who looks like us.

God is not in a building, even the buildings as beloved as ours. God is in Christ, reconciling us to God. Now, you don’t have to journey to the temple at Jerusalem, or to St. Peter’s in Rome,

because God Almighty has journeyed to you, right here, right now, as Jesus Christ.

So, my fellow siblings, come to this “temple” who, wonder of wonders, has come to you. Amen. Canon Jotie, T.S.S.F.

*God of the covenant,*

*give us zeal to discern the foolishness*

*and the wisdom of this present age,*

*so that we may proclaim Christ crucified;*

*to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Lent is Here - The Discipline of Reckless Prayer**

The word **reckless** refers to a person or their action without thinking or caring about the consequences of an action. If we say that someone is **reckless**, we mean that they act in a way which shows that they do not care about danger or the effect their behavior will have on themselves or other people. Well indeed, you might ask **what this has to do with prayer?**

It is a good question. Many of us in our faith community pray using the prayers and forms set out in Anglican Books of Prayer, much like we do on Sunday when the community gathers. These prescribed and approved Orders of Service and Prayers keep us within a boundary and direct exactly what we say, think and believe.

**Reckless Prayer** references stepping outside these boundaries of words and form into a wilderness, an unfamiliar borderland. We seek to encounter the *“holy”* without the walls of prescribed words or actions. We seek to listen, to hear, to know, completely on our own without the filters (approved forms and words). Without the safety net of the censoring norms of the faith community we dare to bask in the presence of *‘the source of our being, the eternal word and the Holy Spirit’.*

**Our Mid-Week Lenten Observance, Wednesdays in Lent, 10: 30 a.m.:**

Wednesday, March 6 – ***Reckless Prayer through Lectio Divina (Reading the Bible)***

Wednesday, March 13 – ***Reckless Prayer through The Jesus Prayer***

Wednesday, March 20 – ***Reckless Prayer through Beathing***

Wednesday, March 27 – ***Reckless Prayer Through Silence***

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**ACW LENTEN PROJECT;**

During the month of March, the ACW will be collecting Personal Hygiene Products for both men and women and/or boxes of tea bags and jars of Instant Coffee for the Gathering Place.  There will be a container at the back of the church or items can be given to any ACW member.

We are grateful for any help from our congregation!

**Bible Study – LUKE** – **Bible Study will resume after Easter** now that we have changed our Wednesday in Lent to Mornings at 10:30 a.m. We have made a mid-course correction on our sail through Lent. **Our Mid-week Lenten service will be Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

**Life in the Eucharist** is a program whereby young children are prepared to participate more fully in the Eucharist where they receive Communion before Confirmation. This program is designed for young families. In fact it recognizes that the parents are the key people in nurturing children in the faith. After completing this program the young people come and make their first Communion with the rest of the congregation and continue to do so for the rest of their lives. If you are interested, or know of some family who might be, please contact Canon Jotie.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, **Sunday, May 26,** **2024**, 10:30 a.m. we plan to start Confirmation Classes in late January. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information (709-834-2336 or [sjtetopsail@nfld.net](mailto:sjtetopsail@nfld.net)).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Reverend Jotie for details.

**We invite prayers for those who are sick -** Patricia B., Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Brad L., Ruby H.

*Almighty and immortal God, the giver of life and health: We beseech thee to hear our prayers for thy servants for whom we implore thy mercy, that by thy blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them of thy healing gifts, they may be restored, according to thy gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Parish Home Visits** – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it, Canon Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.