



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,N.S.

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# **WELCOME!**

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day May 22nd 2016

## TRINITY SUNDAY

# **Our Vision**

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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#### **GATHERING**

Prelude: In the Heavenly Kingdom by Harris

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *The blessing of Father, Spirit, Son, Holy Trinity, Three in One, be in our meeting and our greeting,* in the worship we share and the words of our prayer.

\*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy
Prayer of Confession: O God, whose will it is that all your
children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your

children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus our Lord. Assurance God's love and pardon: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! The glory that God has manifested in Jesus Christ is given to us even now so that we may live and love as one, for in Christ, we are one and we are forgiven. Response: Holy God, Holy and Mighty 820

### **PROCLAIMING**

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: **Psalm 8** LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the

seas. LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in

all the earth! (Salvation and Immortal Praise \*Hymn: Can a little child like me 441

Conversation with the young people: Three-in-one oil

From the letters: Romans 5: 1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ

\*Hymn: The Church's one Foundation 479

Sermon: THE TRINITY EXPERIENCE



### **RESPONDING**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Praise to the Lord by Greenhill

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" <u>830</u>

Offertory Prayer Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) <u>449</u> Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

### **SENDING**

\*Hymn: Now thank we all our God

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\*Benediction:

\*Choral amen

Postlude: Magnificat by Howells (please remain seated) Worship is now ended let our service begin!

If anyone is aware of a young person graduating from high school, university, or college please share the information with Valerie Macdonald or any of the elders. We will be honouring our graduates on Communion Sunday June 12.

THIS WEEK - (May 22- May 29)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
Thursday	7:30 pm – choir practice	
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service with Update
		on Refugee sponsorship

Today is **Healing and Reconciliation Sunday** when the church is reminded of its pledge to 'walk together' with Aboriginal Peoples across Canada. We will have a complete service devoted to this on June 19 which is **National Aboriginal Day**.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth-- when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a

master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16:12-15 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



#### PASTORAL CARE



We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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MISSION MOMENTS St. Andrew's was established on March 3, 1953 in anticipation of growth in Dartmouth when the MacDonald Bridge opened in 1955. The building was dedicated in January 1956. In 1964, many families of St. Andrew's helped to form the new Iona congregation in the east end of the city. Having received support in its early days from The Presbyterian Church of Saint David, Halifax, and the national church, the people of St. Andrew's gave substantial financial support to the Kings Church congregation, New Minas, when its building was erected. We give thanks to God for the leadership of the Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald who has faithfully shepherded the flock for 48 years. The Representative Elder is Cheryl E. Weeks.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Celebrate the ministry of Brian Johnston, mission personnel with the Reformed Church in Romania, as he retires after 19 years of teaching English and music at the Protestant Theological Institute in Cluj.

**STEWARDSHIP** Lives based on having are less free than lives based on either doing or being. *William James* **We welcome** younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Andrew Lappin. Refreshment Hosts are Rod and Val Macdonald.