

**Welcome** to Fort Massey. We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, hockey dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' (*We're not that keen on it either!*) We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the ol' Kirk. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the Armdale roundabout and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you! (adapted, used with permission, *Coventry Cathedral, England*).

**Let us be gentle, patient and kind in 2021.**

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United against Racism



# Fort Massey Church

Spiritual Seekers **United** in Community

HALIFAX ~ NOVA SCOTIA

Our Sesquicentennial 1871-2021



**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m.**

# *The Word Made Fresh*

\* indicates standing

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Lighting of Community Candle	
<b>GATHERING WORDS</b>	The Lord's Prayer	VU 921
<b>*HYMN: VU 109</b>	Now Quit Your Care	
<b>*THE PEACE</b>	<i>Peace be with you.</i> <b>And also with you.</b>	
<b>WELCOME &amp; NOTICES</b>	Minute for Mission	
<b>*OFFERING: VU 108</b>	v. 1 Throughout These Lenten Days	
<b>PRAYER</b>		
<b>*HYMN: VU 278</b>	In the Quiet Curve of Evening	
<b>READINGS</b>	Excerpt from: <i>What A Monastery Can Teach Us About Isolation During the Pandemic</i> by Priyadarshini Sen; I Kings 19:11-12 <i>Offered as wisdom for the journey.</i> <b>May we walk in its light.</b>	
<b>SERMON</b>	<u>A Monk, A Nun, and Me</u>	
<b>*AFFIRMATION</b>	A New Creed	VU 918
<b>*HYMN: VU 657</b>	vs 1-3 He Leadeth Me	
<b>*PARTING WORDS</b>	<i>Amen. May it be so!</i>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		

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**Farewell** to *Seung Yeon Toung* and daughters, *Daeun and Sieun*, who return to South Korea tomorrow after a year in Halifax. We will miss them and wish them a safe journey.

**February Birthdays:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Joyce MacDow, 26<sup>th</sup> Bill Gillis

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are available in the Queen St lobby for those who contribute regularly to our ministry.

**We minister together, thanks to your support.** Please call or e-mail the church office to contact Ruth MacKenzie re financial giving through weekly envelopes or the convenience of PAR; and Linda MacDonald re serving on a committee.

**Tellers are needed.** Sign-up sheets are located on the left as you exit the centre aisle of the nave and in the Tobin St lobby.

**This week @ the fort:**

**Kirk Session**, Tue, 7:30 PM, lower hall

**Wed Morning Coffee Party** via Zoom, 10:30 AM

**Book Study**, Thu, 10:30 AM, in the lower hall.

**Choir Rehearsal**, Thu, 7:15 PM, sanctuary

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PIE-Day** fundraiser for DalOUT student bursary. Contact the Dal Chaplain, Robyn Brown-Hewitt, 902-494-2287 or 902-670-1617, if you would like to bake and donate a pie.

**Hope Cottage Update** – March & April are full. Thank you. We still need meals for Jun 24, Aug 19, Oct 14 and Dec 9. To volunteer, please contact Teresa Orser, 902-266-7959 cell/text or ptmhorser@yahoo.ca.

**Soup Lunch.** This year the men will present their soups to the judges for the coveted *Vicar's Ladle Trophy* at the annual Kirk Soup Competition on March 7. Soups will be available to take away for a donation to the UCW. We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to make biscuits.

**Our Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, March 14, 2021, 11:30 AM, in the sanctuary. (Storm date Sunday, March 21, 11:30 AM). Please have your reports in the church office asap.

- 1     **Now quit your care** and anxious fear and worry;  
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.  
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication;  
God brings new beauty nigh;  
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high;  
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.
- 2     To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,  
or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;  
but to be led to where God's glory flashes,  
God's beauty to come near.  
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth  
          and light appear;  
make clear, make clear, make clear where truth  
          and light appear.
- 3     For is not this the fast that I have chosen  
(the prophet spoke) to shatter every yoke,  
of wickedness the grievous bonds to loosen,  
oppression put to flight,  
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right,  
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right.
- 4     For righteousness and peace will show their faces  
to those who feed the hungry in their need,  
and wrongs redress, who build the old waste places,  
and in the darkness shine.  
Divine, divine, divine it is when all combine!  
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- 5     Then shall your light break forth as does the morning;  
your health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring  
God's glory bright, your way through life adorning;  
and love shall be the prize.  
Arise, arise, arise and make a paradise!  
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- 1     **Throughout these Lenten days and nights**  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.

1     **In the quiet curve of evening,**  
in the sinking of the days,  
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.  
      In the lapses of my breathing,  
      in the space between my ways,  
      in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.

2     In the rests between the phrases,  
in the cracks between the stars,  
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.  
      In the melting down of endings,  
      in the cooling of the sun,  
      in the solstice of the winter, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.

3     In the mystery of my hungers,  
in the silence of my rooms,  
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.  
      In the empty cave of grieving,  
      in the desert of my dreams,  
      in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.  
You are there, you are there, you are there.

1     **He leadeth me:** O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
      He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
      By his own hand he leadeth me!  
      His faithful follower I would be,  
      for by his hand he leadeth me!

2     Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. R

3     Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. R

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