



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Archdeacon Michael H. Mitchell

*To all who mourn or need comfort,
To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who seek friendship,
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
To all who would pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all who ever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

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Rector's Message

A warm word of welcome to everyone. As you read today's gospel about the vineyard, I'm reminded about the story of how the 'Vinegar Bible' housed at St. John's, received its nickname. Back in 1716-1717, the bible's printer, John Baskett, made a type-setting mistake in the 20th Chapter of Luke's Gospel,

where Jesus tells the parable about the workers being sent into the Lord's vineyard. Baskett sends them into the 'vinegar' not 'vineyard'. The rest as they say, is history.

L. Eaton writes: "I don't own a vineyard so I must confess that I don't identify well with one of the main characters in today's gospel. On the other hand, I have lived in housing owned by an irresponsible absentee landlord, and I have met people who labour on plantations owned by large corporations or 'land barons.' The common thread in these experiences is that if you are treated badly by the owner of the property, you don't have much sense of responsibility for it."

In today's world, the number of people who own property is shrinking and the number of people who spend their time looking after property for other owners is growing. Many farmers find themselves tending fields of crops that are sent far away for export. Young children and others in third world countries without shoes or fancy clothes themselves, spend long hours in deplorable conditions making designer clothing and footwear for foreign markets. In parts of the world, food crops are being converted to fuel crops and wages are seldom enough to cover basic needs.

The social teaching of Christ tells us that the goods of this world are meant for everyone. Justice and proper treatment of labourers are basic tenants of responsible Christian living. As we read in today's gospel, the consequences of not doing so are severe. Our readings offer us much to pray about! Have a great week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Velvet Eliuk, Sheila Morris
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Laura Roble
10:30am Margaret Mason, Roger Mason
Sidespersons: Michael & Denyse Lee; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer, Robert MacMillan
10:30 am Roger Demone, Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Sharon Green, Holly Mitchell
Lectors: 8:30 am Josephine Eisenhauer, Carolyn Hogg
10:30am Kevin Skinner, Rose Conrad; **Server:** Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: Judy VanRyckevorsal, June Coote

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

Sung Setting by John Marbecke, #677ff, in Common Praise

Prelude: March in D - Marsh

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #394 'Eternal, Unchanging' (tune: St. Denio)

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment
and the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Sung) # 677 CP

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis #679

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only,
O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *The community prays silently.*

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ has brought us together as a community of pardoned sinners. When our weaknesses threaten our unity, remind us of our responsibility for one another. Let your unifying Spirit give us the strength to care for one another and to do all we can to remain a forgiving and welcoming community where we meet in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

PSALM 119 REFRAIN The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

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

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. **R**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

R By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults. **R**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. **PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn #561 'Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us'



Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. **MATTHEW 21:33-46**
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *In unity with all Christians, let us confess our faith,*
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God;
Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick
and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church in Wales, The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the **Parish of Bridgewater and the Conqueralls**, Rev Frances Boutilier, Interim Priest, Rev Alvin Westgate, Interim Priest, and Cathy Ramey; **Parish of Blandford**, Rev Marian Lucas-Jeffries and Graham Jefferies.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev'd Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I**; Tall Ships - **Bluenose II**, **Concordia**; Clearwater - **Tenacity**; Lunar Fisheries - **Duel Venture**.

Confession and Absolution

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: + have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

Choir Anthem: 'For the Beauty of the Earth' - Bevell

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #253 'O Glorious Day'

Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.

The Prayer over the Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Faithful God, we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have made with us, your chosen people, a new and everlasting covenant through the death and rising of your Son. Do not allow us to become proud of being the people you love, but help us to be worthy of your trust and to give you a response of deep faith expressed in loving service. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing: **#683**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer:*
**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 Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and all say:
**All We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs
under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always
to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh
of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood,
That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

The Communion #685

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

*This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table
all who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymn #51 'Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling'

Children's Time and Music Moment Wherever I May Wander

1. Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be
I'm certain of my Maker's love, God's care is over me.
God made the great high mountains, and made the wide blue sea;
God made the sky where airplanes fly; God made the world and me.
2. Throughout the whole creation, I see God's loving care
For everyone in every land, God's children everywhere
Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be
I'm certain of my Maker's love, God's care is over me.

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant*

Loving God, may we who have been strengthened by this Eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

May our generous God lead us this day to share our forgiveness
and to embrace God's healing as we meet Christ in everyone we meet.
May almighty God bless you this Day, the Father, + the Son
and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #362 'Tell Out, My Soul'

Postlude: Toccata - Buxtehude

*Flowers have been placed in church today by Carolyn and Rick Chenhall, In
Memory of her father W. Guy Tanner and his father Frederick Chenhall.*

NOTICES

*The Dory - 'Little Sister' is in church so that we can begin to fill her to the gunnels with foods and items for the food bank.
Please be as generous as you are able.*

MESSY CHURCH WITH THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS TODAY AT 4 PM

We begin our First Messy Church this Fall with the Blessing of Animals at 4pm. Messy Church is a non-denominational event for folks of all ages, with music, bible activities and stories, crafts, fun and food. It will take place on the 1st Sunday of the month from 4pm-6pm.

Bring along your animals, both pet and farm animals. Cats & small animals should be in crates. Then after, join us in the Parish Hall for our Messy Church.

Please pick up your **Newsletter and Parish Survey** at the back of the church. Print off your survey for other family members. If you are unable to print from home, pick up your copy from the Parish office.

- Parish Council - Schnitzel Planning Meeting - Tues., Oct. 7th at 6:30PM
- The *Rotary Club of Lunenburg* has donated a park bench to the St. John's parade ground **In Memory of George Munroe** who was a kind man and a True Rotarian who exemplified "Service Above Self".

ACW 'FUN - FUNDRAISER' - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 10am TO 2pm

There will be a bake table, flea market and silent auction table. A lunch canteen will serve fish chowder, lobster burgers, chicken burgers, desserts, tea, coffee and juice. Good quality items are needed for the flea market (no clothes or large appliances please) and special items for the Silent Auction Table. Your items may be brought to the Parish Hall and placed in the Sunday School room up to Wednesday, October 15th. We would appreciate donations of rolls, bread and baked goods, as well as jams, jellies and pickles for the bake table. This is a fun way to raise some money for St. John's. Last year's sale was a huge success. We need YOUR help to make this one even better!

Symphony Nova Scotia conducted by Bernhard Gueller and featuring guest violinist Martin Beaver - **Friday, October 17 at 7:30 pm** here at St. John's Church. Tickets on sale now at Shop on the Corner - Advance \$25 till October 10. (After Oct 10, \$30)

Organist John Laing - Sunday, October 19 at 3 pm also at St. John's. Tickets, \$20, at Shop on the Corner, reserve at 634-9994 and at the door. For detailed information on Musique Royale events please visit www.musiqueroyale.com

JOIN US FOR A FRESH WAY TO IMAGINE CHURCH!

'RE-IMAGINING CHURCH' with COFFEE AND CONVERSATION is about exploring Fresh Ideas for living the Christian Faith.

PLACE: Meeting at the SAVVY SAILOR,
100 Montague St., Lunenburg

TIME: Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 - 4:30pm,
continuing for 6 consecutive Tuesdays ending
November 25th.



What is Re-imagining Church?

The "Re-imagining Church" is a five part course designed by Fresh Expressions Canada, an initiative of the Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism. It has been adapted by the Anglican Diocese of NS&PEI for our Maritime context to consider our future ministry goals. It is sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church.

Why participate?

1. Introduces creative ideas of being a missional church.
2. Helps develop a deeper understanding of discipleship and the nature of church.
3. Offers insight to consider the 21st century spiritual needs of wider community.

Who is it for?

It is for ALL members of our parish and any interested members of other faith communities. Anyone who is involved in a particular ministry, including congregational leadership and other ministry leaders, will find this program particularly interesting and helpful.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE FOR A COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

For more information call Rev. Louis Quennelle: 902-527-0122 or email: louisq@eastlink.ca. or speak with Fr. Michael.

CHURCH SEXTON POSITION

St. John's Church is seeking an energetic and dedicated individual for the position of Church Sexton. This position ensures that St. John's Church is kept clean for Services and the many activities that occur in the church. Winter snow removal in the area immediately in front of the church is also undertaken. For more information and a detailed job description, please contact the Parish Wardens: Wayne Dodge and Bruce Holdbrook by October 19, 2014.

