



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 yearn to pray,
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

Heritage Faith Vision

St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1793



Rector's Message

Welcome everyone. World Food Day was held on Thursday. We join with people around the world to pray and to take action to ensure reliable and safe access to food supplies. The Anglican Church of Canada along with many in our own Diocese are members of **The**

Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a partnership of Canadian churches and church-based agencies working to end hunger in developing countries by increasing and deepening the involvement of Canadians in efforts to end hunger. Parts of our service will remind us of this.

On another note, this week marks 'Pastoral Care Week', a time to give thanks for all who offer pastoral care to others, in their homes, hospitals, prisons and homes for special care. On Tuesday, October 21 at 2:00pm, there will be an ecumenical service at Harbour View Haven asking God's blessing upon all pastoral visitors. The community is invited to attend this celebration. We want to give thanks for all in our parish who show Christ's love and care by visiting fellow parishioners.



Jesus' allegiance is tested today – God or the Emperor? He responds with a very wise answer. We are citizens of the world and of the Kingdom of God. At times the Church is accused of meddling in politics or the affairs of the state. But the Church has to raise a prophetic voice to form the consciences of its members regarding the moral aspects of political and economic questions, to see to it that the laws of God and human rights and dignity are respected. A good Christian must be a good citizen and take up their responsibilities toward the human community. Church and state

must respect each other without trying to control each other. Let us give to the state what belongs to the state and to God what belongs to God.

Blessings.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Sandra MacDonald, Heather Hyson, Sheila Morris

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Cathy Ramey

10:30 am Sandra MacDonald, Aisling Curtin; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Judy van Ryckevorsal, June Coote

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 26TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda MacDonald, Maureen Moffatt

10:30 am Sunday School

Sidespersons: Leslie & Velvet Eliuk

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: A Saving Health to Us Has Brought - Anon.

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #337 'God, Your Glorious Presence'

Greeting and Welcome

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

All **And also with you.**

God Who Feeds the Hungry

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,
let us come and worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,
let us come and worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumours of war,
let us come and worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness,
**let us come and worship a God who gives life meaning
And whose grace and love know no end.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Almighty God, you have made us stewards of all creation. May we use wisely, all the gifts that you have given to your people, so that no one may be left out of the bounty of life, but all share in your gifts and know that you are a generous God of Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I

know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** EXODUS 33:12-23

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. **R**

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **R**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **R** PSALM 99

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our

message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

Gospel Procession #335 'How Shall I Sing That Majesty'

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.
 People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Whose image
 Is this?
 And whose
 Inscription?

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their

malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. **MATTHEW 22:15-22**
 The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

United with Christians everywhere, we join in professing our faith as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

A Prayer for Healing

Loving and caring God, be with us in this place of healing ministry. May your life giving water flow deep within us and flow out from us as a blessing to others. Give your wisdom and understanding to those who would use their gifts and skills for body, mind and spirit. Grant patience and strength to those who pray and watch and wait. Grant to all, your healing presence and your comforting peace. Amen *Lutheran Advocate*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies, The Most Revd & The Hon Dr John Holder, Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of Barbados.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the **Parish of Mahone Bay**, Rev Ian Wissler and Chris - *St. James'*, Mahone Bay, *Christ Church, Maitland*; **New Dublin with Petite Riviere**, Rev Oliver Osmond, Priest-in-Charge, and Rosalie.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and Pastor Rick Pryce and Deborah.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I**; Lunar Fisheries - **Dual Venture**; Clearwater - **Atlantic Preserver**.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
 God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.
 Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept.

This earth is Yours, O God.
 You created its riches — the water, the land, the minerals,
 sufficient resources for all Your children's needs.
 We confess that we are not always good stewards
 of all You have placed in our care.
 Too often we think of ourselves first and only.
 Creator God, forgive us.
 We are short-sighted and selfish with Your gifts,
 squandering today what needs saving for tomorrow;
 hoarding 'ours' instead of sharing what is Yours,
 refusing to use some gifts at all.

Gracious One, forgive us.
Fill us with the transforming power of Your love.
Show us new ways to respond to Your Gospel.
Challenge and equip us to turn our compassion into action
for all our Your children who suffer. Amen.
From Banquet of Praise, compiled and published by Bread for the World

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon + and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.** *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #612 'Healer of Our Every Ill'

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*

O Lord, we know that we live in a world of plenty, with food sufficient for all. Help us to realize that there is enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed. Receive our offerings today, that all may have the abundant life which is thy will. When we offer all that we have, we know that in thy hands there is enough for all. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. We praise you Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy: **#719**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. **#720**
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. Amen.

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 says:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion #745

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns #446 'Word of God, Come Down to Earth'; **#578** 'O Healing River'

Children's Time and Music Moment

The Lord Is Good To Me

1. The Lord is Good to Me The Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord For giving me the things I need:
The sun and the rain and the appleseed;
Yes, he's been good to me.

2. I owe the Lord so much, For everything, I see
I'm certain if it weren't for him, There'd be no apples on this limb
Oh, He's been good to me

3. Oh, here I am 'neath the blue, blue sky, Doing as I please.
Singing with my feathered friends, Humming with the bees.

4. I wake up every day, As happy as can be,
Because I know that with His care, My apple trees,
they will still be there. The Lord is good to me.

Announcements

Prayer After Communion

Merciful God, look with kindness on your people, that we might reflect your goodness to the world around us. Then all of the nations will come to know your ways and acknowledge your saving power. They will praise you as we praise you now. For you are a God of justice and compassion, abundantly providing for the needs of the world. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen. *(Based on Psalm 67)*

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 & Sending Out

Bless us, O God, and make us a blessing to others, that the whole earth may come to experience Your abundant goodness. And may the blessing of God the Creator, + Jesus the Redeemer and the Sustaining Spirit— encourage and strengthen you in every good work and remain with you always. Amen.

Christine Longhurst/Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Filled with the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #575 'Let Streams of Living Justice'

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 533 - J.S. Bach*

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NOTICES

REMEMBERING SUNDAY - November 2nd

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will be remembering in prayer, our departed loved ones who have died since last year's Remembering Service in 2013.

We will commemorate all our loved ones who have passed away and who have been buried from our parish, as well as loved ones who may have been buried elsewhere.

Families will be given an opportunity to come forward and to light a *Candle of Remembrance* in memory of their loved ones and the names of the departed will be included in the service bulletin.

If you have a name to be included in the bulletin, please contact the parish office by October 29th.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Food Bank. If you have extra cloth or heavy plastic grocery bags, the Food Bank is in need of those. Some clients come without bags and the regular plastic ones are not very sturdy. Your bags could be placed in the tubs at the back of the church. Thank you, Laura Roblee.

Episcopal Visit of our Diocesan Bishop - Ron Cutler

Next Sunday, October 26th, St. John's Parish will welcome Bishop Ron Cutler for his first visit as our Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Ron will be with us for both the 8:30am and the 10:30am Services. Following the 8:30am service there will be an informal meet and greet with coffee/tea. Following the 10:30am, we will hold a parish-wide **Potluck luncheon**. Please bring along your favourite dish to share with one another.

We have just repainted and refurbished our Sunday School rooms in the parish hall and Bishop Ron will offer a prayer of blessing for our Sunday School just prior to our meal.

Following the Potluck luncheon, Bishop Ron will offer a few words about himself/his ministry as bishop/the diocese, followed by some time for questions and answers. Everyone is welcome.

RE-IMAGINING CHURCH

Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee, treats and some excellent conversation about Exploring Fresh Ideas for Living the Christian Faith. Re-Imagining Church will help us to look at the world around us and explore how the Church and Christians can be respond to the needs we see.

We're going to meet at The Savvy Sailor Restaurant - 100 Montague St. on Tuesdays beginning October 21, from 3:00 - 4:30pm. Continuing for 6 Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome – bring along a friend. See you there.

PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

The Diocesan Workshop for Primates World Relief and Development is to be held on Saturday, October 25, beginning at 10am at Holy Trinity Church in Bridgewater. It would be important for our parish to be represented. Father Michael plans to be there and would welcome the presence and company of other parishioners. Please give this some consideration and let Fr. Michael know.

Musique Royale Events here at St. John's:

This afternoon at 3 pm: Organist John Laing

Thursday, **October 30** at 7:30 pm - **Fandango Guitar Quartet**

Friday, **November 7** - **Elmer Iseler Singers Choral Workshop and Concert.**

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