



# 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.*



## Rector's Message

Dear friends and parishioners, we extend a warm to Bishop Ron Cutler, our Diocesan Bishop as he makes his Episcopal Visit with us today. As many of you are aware, our Diocese now has one Bishop who serves the entire Diocese. We are grateful that Bishop Ron is with us this Sunday. A Potluck luncheon will follow the 10:30am service and Bishop Ron will offer a prayer of blessing for our refurbished Sunday School area. Your presence is greatly valued.

In today's Gospel lesson, we once again see Jesus being put to the test by the Pharisees when he is asked which is the greatest law of all? He responds with both wisdom and simplicity: 'Love God whole heartedly and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Think about our Christian communities and those we know. Do people say of Christians today what they said about the first Christian communities, "See how to love one another?" How different our world would be if we put into practice a love like that!

As I write this message, a gunman has caused havoc in Ottawa, killing a young reservist, Cpl Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial, before entering Parliament and firing his weapon. Canadians are in shock at such an affront to the democracy we hold dear. Our response must be calm and measured as we move forward. Let us pray for our broken world where there is so much anger, terror and judgement and let us pray for peace and forgiveness. Blessings to you this week. *Michael+*

### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
**10:30 am** Heather Hyson, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Linda Macdonald, Maureen Moffatt  
**10:30am** Sunday School; **Server:** Aisling Curtin  
**Sidespersons:** Leslie and Velvet Eliuk

### NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
**10:30 am** Sharon Green, Velvet Eliuk, Robert MacMillan  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Christina Pottie, Laura Roblee  
**10:30am** Heather Eisenhauer, Ann Grandy; **Server:** Aisling Curtin  
**Sidespersons:** Leslie and Velvet Eliuk

# Family Eucharist

**Prelude: Petites Litanies de Jesus - Grovlez**

## The Gathering of the Community

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Gathering Hymn** 'Part of the Family'

**Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the fam'ly.**

1. You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. Come in, .....
2. Children and elders, middlers and teens,  
singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
strong eighty-fivers and street-wise sixteens,  
for we are a part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,  
nobody here has a claim on a pew;  
And whether we're many or whether we're few,  
we are a part of the family. Come in, .....
3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. Come in, .....

**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.**

## Children's Welcome

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Welcome everyone to St. John's Church - young and old, long-timer  
and brand new and a special welcome to Bishop Ron.

**We gather to praise and worship our loving God.**

Let us join together as brothers and sisters on the journey.

**We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and  
sharing life.**

Let us praise our God who calls us together as a family.

**We believe in the love of our God for all.**

## The Collect of the Day

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

Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have  
been made your children; we who were defenceless have been  
brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your mercy, so that  
we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as  
ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Hear, therefore O Israel, these commands and observe them diligently,  
so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a  
land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors,  
has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You  
shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and  
with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in  
your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are  
at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.  
Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,  
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** DEUTERONOMY 6: 3-9

### PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 REFRAIN From age to age you are God.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before  
the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God. **R**

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." For a  
thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a  
watch in the night. **R**

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. **R**

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. **R**

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. *1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn #465** Here in This Place New Light is Streaming

### **GOSPEL**

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.**



When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,

Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*MATTHEW 22:34-46*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Bishop Ron Cutler**

### **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.

#### **The Apostles 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.*

**Response: Lord of love, hear our prayer.**

## A Prayer for Canada

Lord, keep this nation of Canada under your care, and guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your ways be known upon earth and your saving health among all nations. Grant protection to the members of our Armed Forces and all who serve to uphold the peace. Bless our Prime Minister and elected leaders across this land that we may be a people at peace with ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the world. Help us to face the days ahead with a sure and certain hope in your never failing care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Church of Ceylon. The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey Kurunagala.

**Diocesan Cycle:** Pray for the Parish of New Germany, Rev Juanita Barteaux and Tim, Rev Catherine Robar, Assistant Priest, and Foard; Parish of St. Martin's, Western Shore, Rev Peter Rafuse and Mary, Rev Ronald Barkhouse, Assistant Priest, and Peggy.

**Local Ministerial:** Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Holly.

**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap**; Clearwater - **Atlantic Guardian**; Lunar Fisheries - **Island Pride I; Joides Resolution**.

## 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.*

Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Bishop 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand, and a young person addresses the people.*  
Jesus calls us to be peacemakers in our world.

All **And also with you.**  
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Choir Anthem:** Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace - Pethel

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

**Offertory Hymn #59** 'Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him'

*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*

Lord, we offer back to you the very gifts which you have given to us. May we, loving one another, be good stewards of creation and love you with our heart, soul, body and mind. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer s3

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.**

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth. Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

#719 CP **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and , God of 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 praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, *“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”* After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, *“Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

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

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ. Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **(#721 CP) Amen.**

### The Lord’s Prayer

Christ welcomes us and invites to welcome others and to pray in his name:

**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 and says,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion #745

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

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

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

*The celebrant and people then receive communion.*

*Our community of faith welcomes you to the Lord’s table  
to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

### Communion Hymn #56 ‘I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life’

#### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. *Standing, the community says,*

All your works praise you, O Lord.

**And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;**

**we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so that we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Blessing & Dismissal

As Christ welcomes us and serves us,

so may we always welcome others and be ready to serve in his name,

and may the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit

be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go, and love one another as the Lord has loved you.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Recessional Hymn ‘Companions on the Journey’

**We are companions on the journey,**

**breaking bread and sharing life;**

**And in the love we bear is the hope we share,**

**for we believe in the love of our God,**

**We believe in the love of our God.**

1. No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's House; We are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care, By the strength of those who care. **R.**
2. We have been gifted to each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: To act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, To walk humbly with our God. **R**
3. We will seek and we shall find; We will knock and the door will be opened; We will ask and it shall be given, For we believe in the love of our God, We believe in the love of our God. **R.**
4. We are made for the glory of our God, for service in the name of Jesus, To walk side by side with hope in our Hearts, for we believe in the love of our God, We believe in the love of our God. **R.**

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**THANK YOU** to all the members of St. John's who contributed so generously in every way to last Saturday's ACW Fundraiser. It was a great success and would not have been possible without such wonderful contributions and help from all of you.

**Yard clean up of the church properties** - 8:45am on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your rakes and gloves. Rain date is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**You are invited to Messy Church** on Sunday, November 2nd, 4pm-6pm. We'll have a **Family Pot Luck Supper** with the theme "All Saints".

Messy Church is for everyone. It is a non-denominational event for folks of all ages - children and adults, with music, bible activities and stories, crafts, fun and food. Everyone is welcome.

WELCOME TO



**REMEMBERING SUNDAY - November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We will be remembering in prayer, our departed loved ones who have died since last year's Remembering Service in 2013. Families will be given an opportunity to come forward to light a *Candle of Remembrance* in memory of their loved ones. **If you have a name to be included in the bulletin, please contact the parish office by October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Lunenburg Fire Department Auxiliary** will be selling unbaked apple pies for \$8.00 each. Contact Karen Demone 902-634-9128.

**Musique Royale Events here at St. John's:**

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

**Friday**, November 7 - Elmer Iseler Singers Choral Workshop at 4:30 pm and Concert at 7:30 pm.

**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 helps us to look at the world around us and explore how the Church and Christians can respond to the needs we see. We're meeting 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.

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