



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
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Rector's Message

A warm greeting to parishioners and visitors with us this weekend. Jesus' gospel parable reminds us that God has entrusted us with the gift of life, with responsibility for caring for the world in which we live.

As Christians, we are also called to build up the Church and God's Kingdom. What a trust! God puts himself and the Church and the

Kingdom into our hands! This sacred trust calls forth our very best.

A number of years ago, while I was leading a confirmation retreat, I asked the young people to make a list of some of the things they were good at doing. One young girl said rather despairingly, "I might be good at something, but all I have to do is look around the room to see someone else who is a lot better than me. Why bother?"

It is easy to compare ourselves with others and come up lacking when we see others having an impact on the world. Then we look at ourselves and might wonder what we could possibly have to contribute. Today's readings remind us that God isn't asking us to be someone else. God is only asking us to live up to our full potential—to make the most of our gifts and our talents and to put them at the service of the Kingdom.

Most of us will never be known throughout the world for any great things we have done. But ordinary work done with enthusiasm and a willing heart, makes the love of God visible just as surely as the work of those who do great things. In the end, God isn't going to compare us to anyone else. God's simply going to ask us if we've done the best with what we've been given. Have a wonderful week!

Michael+

MY TALENTS? - Matt. 25: 14-30 - © B.D. Prewer 2001

How much wealth has the master given to my trust?
Where best can it be put to work at a profit as faith must?

How many gifts are now employed for his gain?
Where best to use each aptitude though it may bring cost and pain?

How much time have I to spend sharing grace?
Before the master comes again with expectation on his face?

The Holy Eucharist

Sung Setting by Missa Nova in C - Tilley

Prelude: Ein' Feste Burg ist Unser Gott - Buxtehude

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #318 'Rejoice Today with One Accord'

Greeting

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.**

All Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. The community pray silently as the celebrant says the collect.

○ God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haro-sheth-hagoim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for

he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "*The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'*"

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

JUDGES 4:1-7

PSALM 123 REFRAIN

Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens. As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy. **R**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. **R**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Gospel Procession #5 'Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

The 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.**



Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"
MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

Sermon

Lay Reader: Velvet Eliuk

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: Generous Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Lusitanian Church and the Rt Revd José Jorge De Pina Cabral.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the **Parish of Shelburne**, Rev Ed Trevors and Naniya; **Parish of South Queens**.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev'd Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I**;
Lunar Fisheries - **Dual Venture**; Clearwater - **Tenacity**.

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.
We have been entrusted much in our lives.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**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.**

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 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 #508 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'

We welcome our Sunday School as 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

Holy God, in this Eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant to use our gifts for the service of the world. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

**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 thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As children of light we pray to God our Father the prayer of Jesus.

**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 may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

The Communion

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 receive communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

*The communicant responds each time, **Amen.***

Anthem during Communion: 'Bread of Heaven' - Cope

Children's Time and Music Moment

#312 'Sing a New Song unto the Lord'

Announcements

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, in this holy sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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

Our life with all that we are and have is not ours to possess, for it is a sacred trust from God. May almighty God give you the courage to serve him and your neighbour with all that is in you, and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #601 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

Postlude: Ein Feste Burg - Kittel

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Roger Demone, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Linda Macdonald

10:30 am Bruce Holdbrook, Heather Hyson; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Sharon & Alex Green

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Sandra MacDonald, Sharon Green

Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Susan Foote

10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Judy McPherson; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Audrey Morgan & Debbie Chapman

NOTICES

SCHNITZEL NACHT AT ST. JOHN'S

Yes, we are holding another Parish Supper! Please join us for our 2nd Schnitzel Nacht on November 23rd 4:30pm - 6:30pm. The menu includes Pork Schnitzel and Bratwurst Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. There will be a variety of delicious desserts. The meal will be prepared under the direction of Master Chef Konrad Haumering. Take Outs are available. Adults \$20, children under 12 \$10. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or after worship on Sunday morning. We are hoping to make this a successful fundraiser for the parish. Please show your support and buy your ticket today.

The next **Baptism** will be held on **December 28th** at the 10:30am service. Please call the parish office to arrange for your child's baptism. If you are an adult desiring baptism, you are most welcome to join us at this service as well.

White Gift Sunday

On **December 7th** parishioners are asked to bring to the church Christmas Gifts in a gift bag with a note indicating if it is for a boy, girl, adult male or adult female.

Mission to Seafarers - Christmas Shoe Box Program

Once again this year the Mission to Seafarers is running its Christmas Shoe Box Program. Last year we sent many boxes from St. John's and hope to do so again this year. As a reminder, the box contains any two or three of: socks, toques, mitts, scarf; two personal care items: after shave, hand lotion, shaving lather, razors, tooth paste & brushes; letter paper, envelopes (unstamped) and pens; hard candy; small souvenir of Nova Scotia; Christmas card with the sender's name and address. **Deadline for boxes to be received at the church or hall is December 7th.**

Church Calendars for 2015 are now available for sale at \$5.00 each. Please contact Hazel Oliver at 634-3236.

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 from 3:00 - 4:30pm. Continuing for 2 Tuesdays yet. Everyone is welcome – bring along a friend. See you there.

ADVENT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Please send your submissions for the Advent Newsletter to Brian Kenefick cynffig@eastlink.ca by November 17th.

A BIT OF HUMOUR

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved 'I love you, Sally.' On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car and Sally quickly picked it up. Not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money - fifty thousand dollars. Andy said, 'We've got to give it back.' Sally said, 'Finders keepers.' She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic. The next day, two FBI men canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money, knocked on the door. 'Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?' Sally said, 'No.' Andy said, 'She's lying. She hid it up in the attic.' Sally said, 'Don't believe him, he's getting senile.' The agents turn to Andy and began to question him. One says: 'Tell us the story from the beginning.' Andy said, 'Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday . . .' The first FBI guy turns to his partner and says, 'We're outta here.'

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