



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Founded in 1753

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 1753

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to St. John's at the start of a new month. Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple by his parents, Mary and Joseph.

We are always delighted at St. John's when parents present a baby or child for Baptism. It is a time filled with wonder and awe. Now, imagine being present with the holy man and woman, Simeon and Anna when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple, in fulfilment of the Jewish Law. Simeon and Anna believed, through the Holy Spirit, that they would see the Messiah – the Redeemer of Israel before they died.

The prophet Malachi, prophesied that the Lord would come to his temple. St. Paul reminds us that we too are God's temples, temples of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus says "Here am I," are we aware, as Simeon and Anne were, of his presence in our midst? While we more readily experience Jesus in Word and in Holy Communion, we are often blind to his presence in our day-to-day lives.

We can learn to be more conscious of Jesus with us: in the quiet and the bustle of our lives, in the turmoil and the peace of our world, in the storms and the calm of nature, in the tears and the hopes of our children, in our deepest despair and our every joy.

Raising a child in the Christian faith is a wonderful privilege and awesome responsibility. As a parish family, we desire to be of assistance to you in helping your children to grow in faith and in the knowledge that they are part of God's family on earth, the church. Let us know how we can help.

Have a great week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Holly Mitchell, Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Maureen Moffatt
10:30 am Rosalie Osmond, Ann Perry; **Server:** Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: June Coote, Judy van Rychevorsel

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Roger Demone, Sharon Green, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Susan Foote
10:30am Cathy Ramey, Rosemary Smith
Sidespersons: June Coote, Judy van Rychevorsel; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

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

Prelude: Passacaglia in D minor - Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #379 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

The Gathering of the Community

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 with thy spirit.**

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.

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

MALACHI 3:1-4

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

PSALM REFRAIN - Let the King of glory enter.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." **R**

Lift up your heads, O gates lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." **R**

PSALM 24:7-10

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

HEBREWS 2:14-18

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

Hymn #439 'Blest Are the Pure in Heart'

Gospel The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy Spirit.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE.** *People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be



designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. The Gospel of Christ: **Praise be to Thee, O Lord.**

LUKE 2:22-40

Sermon

Rev'd Louis Quennelle

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Then shall be said:

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.

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.*

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #572 'Let Their Be Light'

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*

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

And with thy Spirit.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

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. For on this day he appeared in the Temple in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

All # 683 CP

**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.**

Priest

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, atook Bread; and, when he had given thanks, bhe 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 Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; 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:

**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

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to Holy Communion,
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Communion, hymns may be sung, silence may be kept.

Hymns #634 'Jesus, Remember Me'

#629 'Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness'

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MOMENT - Flute with Chris Norman

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant.*

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,
who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in
us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal
kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Doxology

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.*

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.*

Blessing and Sending Out

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #537 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso - Mendelssohn

A Prayer For Today from 'Forward Day by Day'

O God: Give me strength to live another day; Let me not turn
coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties; Let me
not lose faith in other people; Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in
spite of ingratitude, treachery, or meanness; Preserve me from
minding little stings or giving them; Help me to keep my heart clean,
and to live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can
dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity;
Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things;
Grant me this day some new vision of thy truth; Inspire me with the
spirit of joy and gladness; and make me the cup of strength to
suffering souls; in the name of the strong Deliverer, our only Lord and
Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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NOTICES

Vital Church Conference - Monday - Wednesday of This Week

This important conference on Healthy Parish Life will be attended by our
Rector Michael, along with Rev. Louis, Robert MacMillan and Mary Meisner.
The conference features relevant teaching and dynamic workshops
including:

- **CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION:** Finding New Life in Death –
Discover how, using the lenses of worldview and story, congregations and
individuals make meaning of loss and move through mourning to make
significant change.
- **ENGAGING THE YOUNG:** The needs of younger generations and
especially children are vastly different than generations ago. Life is busy and
time is limited. How can church leaders come to understand the needs of
today's active families? Where can we meet them in ministry and worship?
- **FROM VISITOR TO DISCIPLE** – Most churches identify themselves as
friendly communities. Yet the experience of a first-time visitor is often one
of confusion, embarrassment and even alienation. This workshop helps us
make that first visit a positive one, so that a visitor will feel confidence to
return, to explore the reality of faith, and to move toward discipleship.
- **GET WIRED!** : More and more people are connecting using electronic
media. Websites, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs, etc., are a relatively
easy and cost effective way for churches to get new people plugged-in and
to stay connected with your faith community and activities. Learn how your
church can use technology. It is easier than you think!

- **LEADING IN CHANGING TIMES:** We live in an age where things are fluid. How do we lead? We have to understand what we face. Many people are grieving a lost culture and others are either impatient to change or uninterested. Can we lead from the middle? How do we stay motivated?

- **OLD CHURCH BUILDINGS: LOVE THEM OR LEAVE THEM** – Glean strategies on how to reduce maintenance costs, while looking at new ways our buildings can benefit our communities beyond Sunday services.

- **PRAYER & SPIRITUAL FITNESS:** Explore how physical fitness can help our spiritual life. Physical fitness or spiritual fitness; spin class or prayer group; marathon or contemplative prayer; there is a way to pray for everyone.

- **REVITALIZE YOUR CHURCH:** Discover how to use the seven marks of a healthy parish to name your church's strengths and set a course to explore new territory. Focus on the quality of your church's life rather than just the numbers attending, and avoiding 'quick-fix' solutions.

- **SENIORS - THE FORGOTTEN POTENTIAL:** Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have growing numbers of seniors, many of whom are newly retired. They seek meaning in life, asking existential questions and want to share their gifts to make a difference in the world. Explore how to minister to and build up thriving faith communities with those in their ripper years.

St. John's Prayer Chain Ministry & Pastoral Care Visiting Ministry
 Effective January 31, Sandy MacDonald moves on as the Coordinator of the Parish Prayer Chain, after having served as Coordinator for a number of years. Holly Mitchell will be the new Coordinator of the Parish Prayer Chain. Requests for prayers for the Prayer Chain should now be sent to Holly. Her email is: hollymitchell@eastlink.ca or call (902) 634-8477. Effective January 31, Holly Mitchell moves off as the Chair of the Pastoral Care Visiting Ministry, after serving as the Chair for two years. At this time, let us pray that someone will be willing to come forward to Chair this ministry. On behalf of the entire parish, I want to offer our appreciation to both Sandy and Holly for their ministry. *Father Michael+*

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Souper Market - Our third annual souper market, organized by our music committee and choirs, is scheduled for **Sat, Feb 15 at 11 am to 1:30 pm** in the church hall. Please reserve by signing your name on our list as you enter the church. Tickets are \$8. In addition to serving tasty soups and desserts we will also have a treasure table with a selection of items old and new to sell. If you would like to contribute in any way to our fund-raiser please speak with any member of our choirs or music committee.

Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm Trio Diomira - Joseph Petric, *accordion*; Dinuk Wijeratne, *piano/composer*; Nick Halley, *percussion*
Friday, February 21 at 7:30 pm Lucas Porter, *piano*
 - *To Love and Be Loved* Tickets are \$20 at Shop on the Corner or can be reserved through Ruth at 634-9994. Tickets will also be available at the door. Students are \$10 at the door.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Holy Trinity, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, Rev Canon Peter Harris.
Partnering Prayer: Pray for our linked church St. Eadburgha's in Ebrington UK. This small village church in the North Cotswolds has become popular all over the world after partnering with churches in 28 different countries. 60 churches are informally linked to the church, St. John's being one of those.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap; Clearwater - Tenacity; Tall Ship - Picton Castle; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

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