

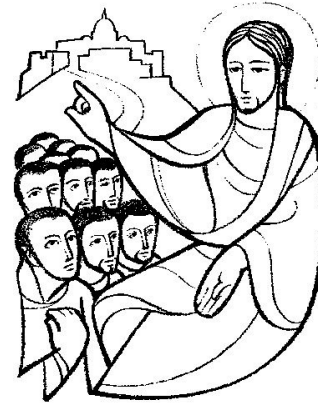
St. John's Anglican Church

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



Welcome everyone as we gather to worship and praise God. This has been a winter of many storms and much snow throughout the Maritimes. As I was driving this week, I took special notice not only of the snow and ice, but also with the growing light and the wide use of salt to keep the ice off the roads and sidewalks. For even in the midst of the storms, we have enjoyed many sunny days. The light enables us to see where we are going, not as in the dark. I have often given thanks this week for the salt underfoot which melts and grips to create a sure path ahead.

Jesus uses these two striking images of light and salt to describe the identity of a disciple. We are to be like salt and light in this world by our words and actions. What is noteworthy in today's message is how much trust Christ puts in us, perhaps more than we do in him. He entrusts to us the mission of being his light shining in the world. He entrusts us to be like salt that preserves and spices the world with the aroma of the Gospel. He gives to his church and to us, the mission of being a city of light that attracts people to God. What responsibility! What joy and happiness!

Today, let us ask Jesus to kindle his light even more brightly in us. Blessings to you all and have a great week. *Michael+*

This weekend, the Regional Marriage Preparation Course was held at St. John's. Let us pray for the following couples who are preparing to be married this year at St. John's: Beverley Ware & Darrell Kays, Michaela Pittman & Peter Kalliecharan, Laura Kayser & Kyle Ricketts, Tiffanie Demone & Anuk Karunaratne, Amanda Sweeny & Jason Rose.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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; **Server:** Alex Knickle
Sidespersons: June Coote, Judy van Rychevorsel; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Robert MacMillan, Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Jo Eisenhauer
10:30am Grace & Ron Swan; **Server:** Brooklyn Green
Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Prelude - Caldara

Announcements and Welcome

Hymn #393 'Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise'

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **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

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

Loving Father, we are important to you, for you keep entrusting to us the mission of making your name and your love known. Strengthen us in our weakness, make us savour the message of the Gospel, that in the footsteps of your Son Jesus we may bring your light and taste to the world and carry out this task with great joy. We make our prayer this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as

if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. *ISAIAH 58:1-9A*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN

Happy are they who have given to the poor.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. **R**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. **R**

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. **R**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour. **R**

PSALM 112:1-9

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much

trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "*What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him*" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. *1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #431 'Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said'

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



Jesus said, "*You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the*

prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

MATTHEW 5:13-20

Sermon

The Apostles Creed *We confess the faith of our baptism, 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: Jesus, light of the world, hear our prayer.

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.

All 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.

Celebrant

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 #465 'Here in this Place'

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.*

Loving God, your Son Jesus gives himself to us in these signs of bread and wine as our tasty food and our drink of joy. By the power that is in him, receive all that we offer and help us to bear witness that life is meaningful and worth living, now and forever more. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

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.

Preface for Sunday

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.

#732 CP *(Sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. 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. *(Sung)* **#733CP**
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

So 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; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
People **Amen.** *(Sung)* **#734 CP**

The Lord's Prayer

United to Jesus, the Lamb of God, Christ, let us join in 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:

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” Says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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.

Lamb of God # 745 CP

**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 peace.**

*We welcome to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymns #56 'I Am the Bread'

Music Moment with Children #502 'You Are Salt For the Earth'

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant*

Lord our God, you have given us the salt and light of your Word and the bread of life. May they make your Christian community a city of light on a hill-top to bear witness to your integrity, love and justice in this world. Accept our humble thanks for calling us to praise your name and sustain us by the power of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ our 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.

Sung Blessing: Christ be with me - arr. C. V. Stanford

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all who love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

Blessing & Dismissal

May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.

May our Christian living be a light to those who live in darkness.

May our Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in God's people.

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 and let your light shine as you serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #505 "Be Thou My Vision"

Postlude: They Who Trust in God - J.S. Bach

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, the Lord of all, your Son commanded us to love our enemies and to pray for them. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and enable us to stand before you and one another, reconciled through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BAS

A NOTE FROM OUR HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Did you know? ... 260 years' worth of books and records pertaining to St. John's are being compiled by the St. John's Heritage Committee downstairs in the Interpretive Centre. We meet every Monday from 10 until 2 to inventory the items and package them carefully into archive-acceptable acid-free boxes and files. If you have a question about what happened at St. John's over the past two and a half centuries, just ask! We are finding out many interesting details while we sort through the papers. If you are fascinated by history and want to be a part of our adventure, please speak to Roger or Charlene Demone after the service.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUPER MARKET

Our third annual souper market, organized by our music committee and choirs, is scheduled for Saturday, February 15 at 11 am to 1:30 pm in the church hall. Please reserve a spot 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.

Musique Royale Concerts in February at St. John's 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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Retired clergy in the Prince Edward Island Region.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and Rev. Willis Ott.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Freedom 99;
 Clearwater - Ernest E. Pierce;
 Tall Ship - SS Sorlandet; Lunar Fisheries - Dual Venture.

CHURCH HUMOUR

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. 'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.' 'How come He doesn't answer it?' she asked.

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MORE CHURCH HUMOUR

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'And all girls.' This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?' Her response, 'Because everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'