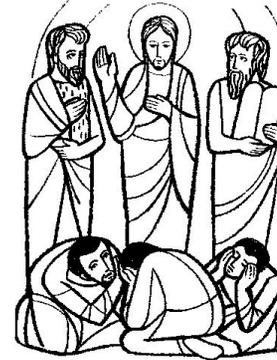


Matthew 17:1-9



Welcome parishioners and friends as we gather on the Last Sunday after Epiphany. This year, because Easter is so late, we have enjoyed hearing much of the Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This sermon has helped us deepen our identity as friends and disciples of Jesus. Today, we climb the mountain with Jesus, Peter, James and John and we learn something more about the identity of Jesus and our identity.

Sometimes we can see people in a completely new light, with qualities and potentials we never thought of. This was the experience of the apostles at the transfiguration of Jesus. He was surprisingly different and greater than they had imagined. Surrounded by light, the Father reveals Jesus as the beloved Son whom we are to listen to in all things. Later they will understand him better, enjoy his presence more deeply and be more eager to listen to him. The change they saw in Jesus made it easier for them, too, to change and to follow Jesus as disciples.

Thanks be to God if every once in a while, we experience God's unseen presence. We may sense God's presence at the sight of a marvellous view of nature, in a moment of deep prayer, at the birth of a child, in receiving Holy Communion or when meeting an old friend. Often it is only afterwards that we become aware of this enriching experience. Let us ask Jesus to kindle his light even more brightly in us. Blessings to you all and have a great week. *Michael+*

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. 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.*

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
**10:30 am** Charlene Demone, Susan MacMillan, Roger Demone  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Susan Foote & Ed Jordan  
**10:30am** Rose Conrad & Aisling Curtin  
**Sidespersons:** Heather & Oran Hyson; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

**NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
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**Lectors: 8:30 am** Maureen Moffatt & Christina Pottie  
**10:30am** Heather Eisenhauer & Lillian Keeping  
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# The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

**Prelude:** A Wake, Thou Wintry Earth - J.S. Bach

## Announcements and Welcome

**Processional Hymn #347** The God of Abraham Praise

## The Gathering of the Community

Today God our Father tells us:  
'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.'

**All** **May the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ  
resound in our hearts and in your lives.  
May our faces and actions reflect his light.**

Almighty God,

**All** **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleans 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.

(Sung) # 677 CP

**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.*

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** EXODUS 24:12-18

### PSALM REFRAIN God has exalted his anointed.

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed? **R**

"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us." He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision. **R**

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror. "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." **R**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery." **R**

And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; **R**

Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **R**

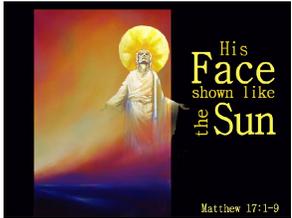
PSALM 2

## A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "*This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*" We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**                      2 PETER 1:16-21

**Gospel Hymn #9** Today I Awake

**Gospel** The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy Spirit.**  
**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.** *People* **Glory Be to Thee, O Lord.**



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "*Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings*

*here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.*" While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "*This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!*" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "*Get up and do not be afraid.*" And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "*Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.*"  
MATTHEW 17:1-9

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Installation of Parish Council, led by the Rector.

Dear Friends in Christ, you have been chosen to serve our Lord on behalf of this congregation. You are entrusted with a ministry which you

are to carry out as God's servants and according to his Word and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

When God gives a gift, it is given that we use it faithfully as good stewards, to his glory and for the benefit of his people. Make the word of God your foundation and guide.

*The Rector asks the congregation:*

Is it your will that these individuals fulfil this ministry in your midst?

**People: It is.**

*The Rector asks those to be commissioned as members of Council, Diocesan Synod and Regional Council:*

So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation: Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the ministry entrusted to you as members of the Parish Council according to the ability which God gives you?

**Answer: I will, with God's help.**

*The Rector addresses those to be commissioned as Wardens.*

Dear friends, you have been called to serve your brothers and sisters as their Wardens. Working in collaboration with the Rector, will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

**Answer I will.**

*The Rector addresses the congregation.*

Members of this congregations, will you pray for your Wardens, Parish Council, Synod and Regional Delegates, and give them your support as they carry out their duties on your behalf in this church.

**Answer: We will.**

Rector: Dear friends, I now install you as wardens and members of the Parish Council of St. John's Church.

Rector: Let us pray.

Loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness, and wisdom. Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that they may seek your guidance as they carry out their duties. Enable them to set an example by doing what is good and just. Help them be a blessing to this congregation as they share in the leadership of this church. Grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom enlarged and your will be done; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Rector:

Go then and diligently serve God as officers of the this church. **Amen.**

## Choir Anthem 'Jesus Your Name' - arr. Larson

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

**Response: Jesus, light of the world, hear our prayer.**

## Confession and Absolution

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.

*Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,*

**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.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit. *The assembly greets one another.*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn #375 At the Name of Jesus**

*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, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

**# 683 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.**

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, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he 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 the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,  
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

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:  
Let us pray to our Father in heaven who told us to listen to his beloved Son.*

**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.**

**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.

**Communion Hymns #80 We Hail The Now, O Jesus  
#166 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding  
Music Moment with Children #414 God of the Sparrow**

**The Prayer after Communion** *Read by celebrant.*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **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**

In his transfiguration, Jesus' deepest self was revealed. May we believe in him as the source of all transfiguration in our world, within ourselves and our relationships. May Christ be our strength to work this transfiguration, and may 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.

**Closing Hymn #372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height**

**Postlude: Couperin**

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - This Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Christians around the world celebrate this event and it is a wonderful opportunity for women and men and youth to gather in prayer. This year the World Day of Prayer will be held at St John's Anglican Church on Friday, March 7th at 2pm. We will pray for the People of Egypt under the theme, 'Streams in the Desert'. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

**There will be two Services on  
Ash Wednesday 10:00 am & 7:00 pm**

Anglicans are reminded that Ash Wednesday, along with Good Friday, is observed with special acts of discipline and self-denial, such as fasting, alms giving to those in need and works of charity. The Season of Lent is a time of deepened prayer and spiritual discipline intended to make us more loving, kind and generous in our service of God and others. Check out all the opportunities this Lent to grow spiritually.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

The entire parish is invited to join the Sunday School community as they prepare supper. All funds raised go to support the child they sponsor overseas. Pancakes and sausages are served. A Free-will offering will be received to support our child overseas.

**LENTEN / EASTER NEWSLETTERS**

Anyone having any articles for the Lenten Newsletter should have them into Brian Kenefick by Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Email: [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca).

**RETIREMENT OF BISHOP SUE**

A Dinner/Dance will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Friday March 21, at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale. Check the Diocesan Net News for more information. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Bishop Sue takes place on Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 10:00 am and the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax. This is Open to all; followed by a Reception.

**CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. JOHN'S**

This afternoon at 4:30 pm Musique Royale presents **Saints and Legends** with the **Halifax Camerata Singers** and **Blue Engine String Quartet**. Celebrating the saints and legends who have walked among us and their contribution to our world. **Saints and Legends** pays tribute to John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Hildegard von Bingen, Saint Francis of Assisi and others. Tickets \$20 at the door.

**Music and Meditation for Lent begins Ash Wednesday at noon and continues to Holy Week. St. John's congregation and the public are warmly invited to attend.**

**March 5** - Mary Knickle, *soprano*; Barbara Butler, *piano/organ*

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