



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
St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Welcome everyone, God's people of all ages and time. Jesus breaks through the fear and doubt of disciples gathered in the Upper Room. His first words are: 'Peace (*Shalom*) be with you.' Jesus restores fractured relationships. The Risen Lord invites the disciples to believe and then to go out in his name to share the Good News of God's love and forgiveness.

We are those people who believe, even though we have not seen the risen Lord in person. Many of us feel a certain kinship with Thomas who found it difficult to believe without seeing the Risen Lord. After all, there had been so much upheaval and upset in their lives. In the midst of such upset, it is often our faith that gets shaken.

Today's gospel reminds us of the inevitability of difficulties, doubts and darkness of our life's journey. Give thanks to God for moments when the light of faith shines brightly, but don't despair when the light is dim.

Doubt and disbelief – like what Thomas experienced after the resurrection are an inevitable part of the human faith journey. We can put faith in the risen Lord and welcome him and profess the same belief as Thomas: "My Lord and my God." Have a blessed week. **Michael+**



Tuesday, April 22nd was Earth Day. Anglicans work with people around the world to safeguard Mother Earth. The Anglican Church has an international environmental network where people can find resources and connect with others on the environment. You can contact them at: <http://acen.anglicancommunion.org>. Our Diocese also has an Environment Network. The coordinator is the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, Rector of the Parish of Blandford. She has many resources to share. Contact: marian.lucas.jefferies@gmail.com.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Sharon Green, Heather Hyson, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: **8:30 am** Carolyn Hogg, Christina Pottie; **10:30am** Sunday School

Server: **10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 4TH

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone

Lectors: **8:30 am** Ed Jordan, Linda Macdonald

10:30am Hazel Oliver, Rosalie Osmond

Sidespersons: **10:30 am** Denyse & Michael Lee

Server: **10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen

Prelude: Prelude - Bedard

Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #231 'That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright'

The Gathering of the Community

Youth Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Youth May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

All **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

From Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive 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 ACTS

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my

tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

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

PSALM 16 - REFRAIN - God will not abandon me to the grave.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **R**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO PETER

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven-and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all-life healed and whole.

I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of trials in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him-with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation. *I PETER 1:3-9*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** *(The Message Translation)*

Gospel Procession Acclamation

#244 'We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight'

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:19-31

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

Sermon

"Hallelujah"

This is the world video premiere of Kelley Mooney's approved spiritual lyrical adaptation of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah". She was accompanied by the Chorale Voce dell' Anima on June 1, 2010, at the Monument Lefebvre in Memramcook, New Brunswick, Canada.

1. A crown of thorns placed on His head
He knew that He would soon be dead
He said did you forget me Father did you?
They nailed Him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah Hallelujah x4

2. He hung His head and prepared to die
Then lifted His face up to the sky
Said I am coming home now Father to you
A reed which held His final sip
Was gently lifted to his lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory. Hallelujah x4
3. The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Saviour
He looked with fear upon his sword
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah. Hallelujah x4
4. Took from his head the thorny crown
And wrapped him in a linen gown
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb
The holes in his hands, his feet and side
Now in our hearts we know he died
To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah. Hallelujah x4
5. Three days went by again they came
To move the stone to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah
But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah. Hallelujah Hallelujah x4

The Apostles Creed *As Children of the Light, we sing.*

We believe in God the Father,

Refrain: We believe, we believe.

We believe he is the Holy One, **R.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord, **R.**

We believe he is God's only Son, **R.**

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary;
For us he died and was buried; On the third day he rose again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, **R.**

We believe in the Holy Church of God, **R.**

We believe in God's forgiveness, The resurrection from the dead.

We believe in life everlasting, We believe, we believe. Amen.

We believe. Amen. We believe.

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

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins
in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

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.

Youth The Risen Lord said to his disciples: 'Peace be with you.'
And so I say in Jesus' name:
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #228 'Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters' vs. 1,4-9

*The Sunday School assist in receive the Offering and 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*

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a
kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer
you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2

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; we give
you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the
sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life
again he has won for us eternal life.

We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

(Sung) **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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering
and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup
of wine, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this,
you do it in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. *(Sung)*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this
bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in
your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the
offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred
mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the
truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your
Servant, Jesus Christ. 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)*

The Lord's Prayer *In the joy of Easter, let us pray in Christ's 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:

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people then 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.***

This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table
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.

Communion Hymn #68 'We Hold the Death of the Lord'

Children's Moment *focus on 'Earth Day'*

Earth Day Prayer - 'Green Anglicans'

Sovereign Lord,

you are the creator and sustainer of the earth

and you have given us dominion over its

resources: forgive us for squandering your gifts

and inspire us to conserve them and to use them aright in the service

of your people and to the Glory of Your Name. Amen.



Hymn

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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

May God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us in the days
ahead, that we may rise to new life in God's grace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, be
with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!

Recessional Hymn 'Because He Lives'

1. God sent his Son they called him Jesus.
He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my
pardon. An empty grave is there to prove. My Saviour lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives all fear is gone.

**Because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living, just Because He lives.**

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby. And feel the pride and joy he
gives. But greater still the calm assurance. This child can face
uncertain days, Because he lives.
3. And then one day I'll cross the river. I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory. I'll see the lights of glory,
And I'll know he reigns.

Postlude: Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters - Willan

NOTICES

Rogation Sunday - May 04 at the 8:30am & 10:30am Services

After a long hard winter, many of us are finally getting out to enjoy walks in the woods or on the beach. We are working in our fields and gardens. The birds and animals around us are celebrating life, bringing their own offspring into the world. So many people are separated from intimate closeness with Creation in our world. We are blessed to live in a community where the beauty and bounty of God's Creation is all around us. In our fields and gardens, and through our labours, plants will grow to nourish our bodies and our souls. Rogation comes from Latin and means "to ask for". On Rogation Sunday we will "ask for" God's blessing on our soil, our plants, our seeds and on our labour in garden and field. **Please bring some of these to church at either the 8:30 am or 10:30 am services. Two tables will be set up. One is for you to bring your own seeds, soil, etc. for blessing. The other is for sharing any plants or seeds you wish to share with others.**

GROUNDS CLEANUP

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the grounds of our parish properties on Saturday, May 3rd at 8:45am. Rain date: Saturday, May 17th.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

3rd Cookie Concert is Saturday, May 3 at 2 pm. Note change of venue from St. John's Church to Cecilia's Retreat, 1199 Oakland Rd, Mahone Bay. Our guests are Steve Normandin, a brilliant accordion player from Montreal and Cynthia Myers, vocalist from Chester. Admission is \$5 at the door. Enjoy a freshly baked cookie at the end of the presentation. All ages are welcome - no admission charge for toddlers.

Musique Royale presents two choral concerts in May. The National Youth Choir of Canada - Sunday, May 11 at 7:30pm and Amadeus Choir of Toronto with special guest Laura Smith on Sunday, May 18 at 3pm. Tickets are \$20 (Students \$10) at Shop on the Corner and at the door.

MOTHER'S DAY LOBSTER SUPPER

A Lobster Supper will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #23, Lunenburg on May 11th. The meal will include a pound and a half lobster, coleslaw, potato salad, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. **All this for only \$20.00.** There will be two sittings: 4pm - 5:30pm and 5:30pm - 7pm. Tickets are available at the Legion Bar or by calling 634-4215. Takeout is available with a ticket.

On Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30am Service, we will commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic and welcome the members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps #39 Neptune. All are welcome.

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Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the **Parish of Christ Church, Dartmouth**, Rev Stephen Laskey and Jos, Rev Jane Clattenburg, Pastoral Visitor, and Mike; **Parish of St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour**, Rev Katherine Bourbonniere and Brian, Rev Walter Beazley, Assistant Priest, and Brenda, Rev Gary Giles, Assistant Priest, and Dawn-Marie; **Parish of Eastern Passage**, Rev John Ferguson and Carolyn Tomlin. **Local Ministerial:** Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisheries: *Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Tall Ship - Picton Castle*