

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Founded in 1753

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

## Rector's Message



Welcome to St. John's on this Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Our Sunday scriptures are full of references to God and Jesus as Shepherds of the people. This same Jesus is our risen Lord and Good Shepherd. As his sheep, we can trust that we are being faithfully led and cared for. In his fold, our doubts, fears, past and present evils, our angers, frustrations and worries find a place of rest and loving care. We can rest in the secure knowledge that the Shepherd is ever with us, guiding us in life, along safe pathways.

Today we also celebrate all Mothers. In our prayer we give thanks for our mothers and for everyone who has loved us with a mother's love. Jesus shows us over and over again the way to love. Love involves sacrifice, a focus on the needs of others, as well as loving ourselves and caring for our own needs. It is never an easy balance. Time spent in prayer with the Lord can give us the strength and direction we need to make right decisions for ourselves and our loved ones.

At the 10:30 am Service, we mark the close of our Sunday School for the summer. There is much to give thanks for with the growing involvement of children and parents. We will also give thanks for the ministry of Jennifer Green-Heisler, who is moving on as our Sunday School Superintendent, having both a teacher and the leader of our Sunday School for many years. In the fall, Jennifer will pick up the leadership of our Messy Church program. A big 'Thanks' to Jennifer and may God bless you.

Our Sunday School and Messy Church programs, like everything else in the parish, depends upon volunteers ready to share their faith and love of Christ. It is an awesome thing to share one's time, energy and faith with young people, for by it, we are passing on the faith and building the Church. Would you kindly give some consideration to volunteering in Sunday School or with Messy Church? Our goal is to develop a **Team Ministry** so the burden does not fall on any one person. Give thanks to God for the blessing of our Sunday School and for all who support it. Have a great week! *Father Michael +*

## Mother's Day - by Carol Matthews

A Mother loves right from the start. She holds her baby close to her heart. The bond that grows will never falter. Her love is so strong it will never alter. A Mother gives never ending Love. She never feels that she has given enough. For you she will always do her best. Constantly working, there's no time to rest. A Mother is there when things go wrong. A hug and a kiss to help us along. Always there when we need her near. Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear. So on this day shower your Mother with Love. Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough. Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind. Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind. Happy Mothers Day!



### Morning Prayer with Closing of Sunday School

**Prelude: Voluntary in G - Henry Smart**

## The Gathering of the Community

### Announcements

### Processional Hymn 'Part of the Family'

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.***

1. You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family. *Come in, .....*
2. Children and elders, middlers and teens,  
singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
strong eighty-fivers and street-wise sixteens,  
for we are a part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,  
nobody here has a claim on a pew;  
And whether we're many or whether we're few,  
we are a part of the family. *Come in, .....*

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family. *Come in, .....*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Youth* Welcome everyone, especially all children and all mothers.

*People* **We gather in Christ's holy name.**

*Youth* Today we mark the closing of our Sunday school year.

We give thanks for all the blessings that we have received.

*People* **We are ever grateful for the faith we share.**

*Youth* We give thanks for all mothers,  
and all who have loved us with a mother's love.

*People* **We give you thanks, O God.**

*Youth* Let us praise God's holy name with joy and thanksgiving.

*People* **Let us life up our hearts in song and holy praise.**

### Glory To God

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen! Amen!

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

### The Collect of the Day

*The community prays silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. ACTS 2:42-47  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23 - The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO PETER

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 1 PETER 2:19-25  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation #3 | 2 'Sing a New Song Unto the Lord'

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.**



Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." JOHN 10:1-10  
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Sermon & Children's Talk

#### Choir Anthem: I Thank You Lord - Martin

*(congregation is invited to sing along)*

**(All)** Lord, when I think upon the music of my life, your songs of joy, your love songs in the night, I'm filled with wonder and with praise at the beauty of your grace. I thank you Lord, I thank you Lord. And when I gather in this house, your sacred place, and when I sing the hymns and anthems of my faith, I'm filled with hope and gratitude as I lift my heart to you. I thank you Lord, I thank you Lord.

O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice? Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord?

**(Choir only)** How can I keep from praising Christ, my Saviour, when he has done so much for me? I will exalt his name and not be silent, God's love has set my music free! God's love has set my music free!

**(All)** Now when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies, the promise of the rising sun, and the moon when day is done, I thank you Lord, I thank you Lord. And when I look into the eyes of those I love, or when I gaze upon the starry night above, My heart is filled with joyful praise, and I bless your holy name, I thank you Lord, I thank you Lord.

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**(Choir only)** How can I help but praise the Lord?

**The Apostles Creed** *We confess the faith of our baptism,*

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,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*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.**

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.

**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn #520 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'**

*Our youth and teachers from Sunday School assist in bringing the offering of God's people to the Altar. 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, you have sent your Son among your people as the Good and Faithful Shepherd. Receive these gifts and the gifts of our lives which we offer today, that we may live in him and he in us, and that we may bear fruits of unity and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Prayer for the kidnapped Nigerian girls, May 2014**

**O God, we cry out to you for the lives and the freedom of the 276 kidnapped girls in Nigeria. In their time of danger and fear, pour your strong Spirit on them. Make a way home for them in safety. Make a way back for them to the education that will lift them up. Hold them in the knowledge that they are not captive slaves, they are not purchased brides, but they are your beloved daughters, and precious in your sight. Change the hearts and minds of their kidnappers and of all who choose violence against women and girls. Cast down the mighty from their seat and lift up the humble and meek, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Written by Elizabeth Smith  
Diocese of Perth, The Anglican Church of Australia**

## Closing of Sunday School '2014'

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We want to say a special word of thanks to all those who have helped us this Sunday School year:

- Thank you, the members of our parish congregation.
- Thank you, Father Michael, for being our Rector.
- Thank you Jennifer Green-Heisler, our Sunday School Leader.
- Thank you to our youth leader: Nikki.
- Thank you Sharon, Doreen, Fr. Louis and Barbara for the gift of music.
- Thank you, our parents and family for bringing us to church and sharing our Christian faith.

### Presentation of Certificates and Gifts

#### Blessing & Dismissal

Our Lord tells us: "Remain in me, as I remain in you."  
United with Christ, let us bring him to everyone we meet, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!**

**Recessional Hymn #309** 'Praise the Lord with the Trumpet'

**Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary - Stanley**

### NOTICES

Congratulations to **Amy and Ralph Strowbridge** of our parish family who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING NEWSLETTER** - Would you like to place an article for the Spring Newsletter? Please have items to Brian and Janice Kenefick no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please email them at [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca)

### THE SUPER AMAZING BIBLE CAMP OF AWESOMENESS II

A regional youth event for ages 6-15 will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bridgewater on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am-5pm. There will be awesome games, food, crafts and sports. Bring your friends. Several of our youth attended last year and had a great time. Actually, they plan to go again this year! Call the Parish office to get your name on the list.

**Spring Ring Celebration Concert**  
**Saturday May 24th at 7:00 PM**  
Joan Plume (Ontario), Guest Conductor  
**Bethany United Church, Halifax**  
(7171 Clinton, to left of Armdale Rotary)

**Featuring 90 Handbell Ringers**  
**representing 9 Handbell Choirs.**  
**Over 450 Handbell Instruments will**  
**present a variety of festive musical**  
**selections. Enjoy the thrilling awe of**  
**listening to the unique**

**musical sound of massed handbell ringing. Choirs will be**  
**visiting from across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for a**  
**two-day workshop, including our own St. John's Ringers.**

**Mark your calendars - we hope to see you there.**  
**A freewill offering will be collected during the performance.**



**RE-IMAGINING CHURCH**  
**PROGRAM AT ST. JOHN'S**  
**5 TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, ENDING JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Parish Hall**

#### What is Re-imagining Church?

The "Re-imagining Church in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island" project provides a beginning point for parishes as they consider their future ministry goals. Adapted for our Maritime Anglican context, it's a five-part course designed by Fresh Expressions Canada, an initiative of the Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism.

#### Why do the course?

1. It assists church leaders and members in introducing the basic ideas of being a missional church.
2. It helps participants understand discipleship and the nature of church.
3. It will serve as an opportunity for learning and growth as members consider the 21<sup>st</sup> century spiritual needs in a particular community.

#### Who is it for?

It is for ALL members of the parish and in particular for those who have a particular ministry in the parish, including the parish council and the many ministries in our parish listed on the back page of the bulletin.

## MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Musique Royale presents the **NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR OF CANADA** in 'Canadian Choralscapes: From Sea to Sea' this evening at 7:30 pm here at St. John's Church.

Tickets: \$20 general and \$10 student and are available from Shop on the Corner, or call Ruth at 634-9994 or purchase at the door. A special invitation is extended to the youth of our parish. If you would like to attend, please speak with Jane Ritcey or Barbara Butler and a complimentary youth pass will be available for you at the door.

Sunday, May 18 at 3 pm **Amadeus Choir of Greater Toronto** conducted by Lydia Adams with special guest, Laura Smith.

## Mother's Day Memorials in Loving Memory of:

*Evelyn Savory from daughter Carolyn  
Phyllis Bruhm and Winnie Falkenham from Max, Dale and family  
Winnie Anderson and Dessima Francis from Hubert and Ida  
Lottie Daniels and Carrie Winters from Ruth and Gordon  
My Mom, Violet Skinner from Rose, Terry and family  
Our Mothers from Ann and John Perry  
Jean E. Stoddard and Margaret Demone from Karen, Brian and family  
Jean E. Stoddard from daughter Betty, Bob and family  
Our Mothers and Grandmothers from Jane, Wilfred, Nicholas and Alexandra  
Our Dear Mother, Mina Buckmaster from daughters, Joyce and Sylvia  
Barbara Daurie & Loved Ones from Mom and family  
Mother, Minnie Blake & Grandmothers from Barbara, Roland and family  
Mothers, Bertha Harris & Dessima Francis from Lucy Francis  
Our Mothers, Isobel Smith and Isobel Lohnes from Ben and Roxie  
Margaret 'Peggy' Tanner from Sons, Jeffrey and Blaine & Grandchildren  
Ellen Tanner, Mother of Arleen, Alfred and Statia  
Elsie Hyson from Son, Oran, Heather and family  
Our Mothers, Alice Little & Eva Starratt from Dale and Blake  
Isabel May from Geraldine and Janet  
Our Mothers, June Dixon and Evelyn Gent from Grant and Doreen  
Our beloved Mothers from Michael and Holly*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Anglican Church of Korea The Most Revd Paul Kim Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for **St. Luke's, Dartmouth**, Rev Debra Burleson, Priest-in-Charge, Honorary Associate, and Chris; **St. John's, Westphal**, Rev David Puxley and Katie.

**Local Ministerial:** The congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father James MacDonald, OMI.

**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Clearwater - Tenacity.

## LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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

**10:30 am** Holly Mitchell, Sharon Green, Sheila Morris

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Laura Roblee, Sandra Jordan

**10:30am** Judy McPherson, Ann Perry; **Server: 10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Jim & Viola Green

## NEXT SUNDAY MAY 18TH

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

**10:30 am** Charlene Demone, Roger Demone, Holly Mitchell

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Christina Pottie, Maureen Moffatt

**10:30am** Kevin Skinner, Rosalie Osmond; **Server: 10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Jim & Viola Green

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