



# 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.*

## Rector's Message



*"Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy."*

1 Peter.3:14 - Message Translation

Welcome to St. John's. The quotation above, from the second lesson, is most apt for our consideration as we gather as a parish to worship and praise God in this Easter Season.

Courtesy and consideration are hallmarks of many Canadians and is certainly very prevalent here in Atlantic Canada. We are known for our courtesy and warm welcome. It is one of the many aspects of our Nova Scotia lifestyle which draws people to visit us.

I wonder, however, if this sometimes holds us back from sharing our Christian faith with others? Might we be a bit too reticent and timid about telling others why we are living the way we are? The early Church lived the gospel in such a way that people often remarked on it, saying, "Look at those Christians! See how they love one another!" Many were drawn to follow Jesus through the life and witness of ordinary Christians. Along with the love for one another came care for one another and a willingness to share the good news with children and with strangers who did not know Christ. But it was always done with courtesy and great respect.

Our parish is holding the Reimagining Church Program on Tuesdays. We are looking at the world around us to see how it and our church has changed and how we as individual Christians and as a parish might respond? There are 'Fresh Expressions' of Church happening throughout our diocese. Come and join us on Tuesday evenings to learn more about it. Above all, don't be hesitant in living and sharing with others the great hope you have been given. God bless you.

**Father Michael+**

### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
**10:30 am** Charlene Demone, Susan MacMillan, Roger Demone  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Roxie Smith, Carolyn Hogg  
**10:30 am** Cathy Ramey, Rosemary Smith  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Alex & Sharon Green  
**Server: 10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

### NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer  
**10:30 am** Holly Mitchell, Sharon Green  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Josephine Eisenhauer, Susan Foote  
**10:30am** Ron Swan, Grace Swan  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Alex & Sharon Green  
**Server: 10:30 am** Aisling Curtin

# Holy Eucharist

*Prelude: Prelude and Fughetta - Willan*

## Announcements

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Hymn #474** 'Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet'

## The Gathering of the Community

*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.**

*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.**

## 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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

## The Collect of the Day

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." **ACTS 17:22-31**

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

## PSALM REFRAIN - Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **R**

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me. **R** **PSALM 66:7-18**

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as

Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *1 PETER 3:13-22*

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### Hymn #401 'My Life Flows On in Endless Song'

**The Gospel** *All stand for the Gospel.*

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, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep

them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." *JOHN 14:15-21*  
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Sermon

**The Apostles Creed** *Let us confess our faith, 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.**

**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;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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.**

*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.

**All 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 #527 'How Firm a Foundation' (tune St. Denio)

*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*

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

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 Easter

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

**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 God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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 the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it do this for the remembrance of me.*"

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
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Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **All Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer *The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these words:*

Jesus tells us that he will not leave us orphans.  
With confidence let us pray to the Father, saying:

**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.**  
*Celebrant* Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

*All*      The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**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.

*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.*

**Hymn #66** 'And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love'  
**Choir Anthem** 'As We Gather At Your Table' - K. Lee Scott

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community prays in silence.*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son has restored us with his body and renewed our hope in the Spirit's coming. Let this same Spirit give us the mentality of Jesus Christ, that we may bear witness without fear to your Son's presence among us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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

Go and take the Spirit of Christ with you,  
that your mentality may be the mentality of Christ  
and your life the Lord's life.  
Be not afraid to bear witness, for he is your strength.  
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. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!**

**Recessional Hymn #425** 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

**Postlude: Christ ist erstanden - J. S. Bach**



## NOTICES

**RE-IMAGINING CHURCH PROGRAM AT  
ST. JOHN'S CONTINUES THIS WEEK  
ON TUESDAY EVENING.  
7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Parish Hall**

This is an important program in our church which offers insight helping our church reach out and respond to the many folks who are unchurched or no longer part of our church family. Your input, questions and participation will not only be of personal enrichment but benefit to the parish. Everyone is welcome.

## JERUSALEM SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Anglicans across Canada will observe Jerusalem Sunday." **Jerusalem Sunday** is an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to learn more about and support God's mission in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem which has a tremendous outreach ministry in parishes, schools a hospital and clinic as well as 'on the street ministries. Our liturgies next week will include material to highlight the situation of the Church in the Holy Land. Parishes and individuals are invited to support the important ministry of the Church there, including the health care work in the Diocese of Jerusalem at the Penman Clinic in the West Bank and education and schools. Donations are welcome and should be placed in an envelope marked: **Jerusalem Sunday.**



## **We continue to pray for the kidnapped girls of Nigeria.**

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 seats 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*

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST JOHN

St. John's celebrates our Patronal Feast on Sunday, June 8th with a number of events. The morning will feature a 10:30am Choral Eucharist with Organ, Choir, Brass Ensemble and Handbells, Archdeacon Michael Mitchell, preaching.

A special 4:00pm Traditional Choral Evensong will feature the Choir of St. George's Anglican Round Church in Halifax, along with their Organist and Choir Director, Mr. Garth MacPhee. Guest preacher at the Evensong is the Rev. Canon James Purchase, the Priest in Charge at St. George's. The service will be followed by a community BBQ. The wider community is invited to participate in both the Evensong and the BBQ. Come celebrate with us 261 years young!

Congratulations to **Henry Demone** who will be inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Henry and his wife, Rena are parishioners and Henry is the Chief Executive Officer of High Liner Foods Ltd, based in Lunenburg. Way to go!

**Music Announcement:** Musique Royale presents a **special 'cookie concert'** for St. John's Patronal Festival weekend on Saturday, June 7 at 2 pm. Our guest is Clary Croft, award-winning folklorist, author, performer, recording artist and producer. Clary will have much to share with us on Nova Scotia's rich and diverse folk song heritage. Songs of love, sorrow, humour, and wit abound from the collection of famed folklorist Dr. Helen Creighton whom he collaborated with for many years and is responsible for cataloguing her collection at the Nova Scotia Archives. There may even be a ghost story and some tales of witchcraft thrown in, as well as opportunities to sing-a-long! Cookie concerts are designed for families of all ages. \$5 at the door (toddlers - free admission). Homemade cookies are served at the conclusion of the presentation.

### PWRDF NOTICE

You are invited to attend a most informative evening on Monday, May 26th at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of All Saints Cathedral, Halifax. The speaker is Suzanne Rumsey. She is the Primate's World Relief and Development's Program Coordinator for resourcing and animating. Suzanne supports a national network of volunteer Diocesan and Parish representatives as well as the PWRDF Refugee network. She will also be speaking about "Fred Says" as it pertains to food security. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about PWRDF and how it reaches out to provide assistance for many in need.

A Spring/Summer **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be an informal and informative, but short, meeting for our "snowbirds" and "year-rounders" - with updates on parish activities, including finances, property, SafeRChurch, music, tours - and more!

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the work of The Anglican Centre in Rome.  
**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.  
**Local Ministerial:** The congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - Freedom 99; Clearwater - Atlantic Guardian

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