



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.*

Welcome to St. John's. Today we encounter a remarkable woman of faith by the name of Rebekah. Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah is in need of a wife. Through remarkable circumstances, Rebekah freely and boldly steps forward in faith to respond to God's invitation. Her response reminds us of another young woman by the name of Mary, who centuries later would respond freely and boldly to the Angel Gabriel, announcing that she would bear the Son of God, the Messiah. Rebekah's 'Yes' makes possible, God's plan.



In our Gospel lesson, Jesus reminds us that in the midst of the burdens of daily living, life, he will give us rest. He is our sure rock and strength.

When we are discouraged and troubled, it is good to have a reliable friend to go to and to pour out your heart to. Jesus offers himself as a friend, someone who listens, someone gentle, who has time for you. Jesus is an understanding friend, gentle and humble, who can give us peace.

Those who are aware of their poverty, of the burdens they have to carry in life, and are at the same time humble enough to acknowledge their need before others are the ones who can find consolation from others too. Today we hear Jesus who makes himself humble for the humble. He helps us carry the crosses of life if we acknowledge that we cannot carry them alone. Let us join him at his table where he will give us the food of strength. Have a great week.

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Susan MacMillan, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Jo Eisenhauer
10:30 am Sharon Green, Lillian Keeping
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Betty & Elroy Creaser
Hosts: Grace & Ron Swan

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 13TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Heather Hyson, Holly Mitchell
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Sandra MacDonald, Ann Grandy
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Betty & Elroy Creaser
Hosts: Dale Little, Blake Starratt

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

Sung Setting by John Marbecke, #677ff, in Common Praise

Prelude: Prelude on 'St. Columba' - Stanford

Announcements

Processional Hymn #342 'We Praise You, O God'

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse 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.
**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

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has." My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left. And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** GENESIS 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

PSALM 45 REFRAIN Nations shall praise you for ever.

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house. The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour. The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour." **R**

All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold. In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession. With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king. **R**

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth. I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever." **R**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

ROMANS 7:15-25A

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

Gospel Procession #468 'To Abraham and Sarah'

Reader The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy Spirit.**
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.



Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Then shall be said:

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 in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #500 'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant'

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 heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 unto 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. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

**All 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.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, 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. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; 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 Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in 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 We are bold to pray in Jesus' 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 and Communion

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.**

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

The celebrant and people receive the communion in both kinds.

*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.*

Communion Hymn

#65 'Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread'

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant*

○ God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of 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.**

Blessing & Dismissal

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ. 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.

Recessional Hymn #453 'Living Lord of Love's Dominion'

Postlude: Tuba Tune - Lang

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of Pakistan (United) The Most Revd Samuel Robert Azariah, Bishop of Raiwind & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Beaver Bank, Rev Cathy Lee Cunningham; Church of the Holy Spirit, Mt. Uniacke, Rev Brian Hutchins, Priest-in-Charge, and Sandra; All Saints, Bedford, Rev Trevor Lightfoot, and Jen, Rev Arthur Cuzner, Honorary Assistant.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap;
Clearwater - Ernest E. Pierce; Tall Ship - Picton Castler.

NOTICES

ROAST BEEF SUPPER NEXT WEEKEND



We are holding an Old Fashioned Church Supper at St. John's Parish Hall on Sunday, July 13th, 4:30pm-6pm. The menu includes Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, turnip, carrots, gravy, pickles, beets and homemade desserts. The cost is \$15.00 adults, \$10.00 children, under 5 free. Take

outs are available. Tickets available by calling the Parish office 634-4994. **Today we have tickets available for sale at both church services.**

Sunday School Notice

St John's is in need of a few people to come together to form a team to lead our Sunday School program this fall. This is an important ministry in our parish and is both enriching to the young people as well as those leading it. Without leadership from the congregation, this ministry cannot happen. At this point we do not have a team in place. Please give this your prayer and consideration, then speak with our Rector or with one of the Wardens.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musique Royale's summer festival season at St. John's Anglican Church **TONIGHT:** Canada's distinguished tenor **Richard Margison**, his daughter, soprano **Lauren Margison** and pianist **Robert Kortgaard** - at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$25 at the door (advance \$20 - please see Barbara) **British Columbia Boys Choir** - Tuesday, July 8 at 7:30 pm **North Lakeshore Mass Chorus and Chester Brass, guest choristers** 'Till the Boys Come Home' - Monday, August 11 at 7:30 pm **Robert Quinney**, organ - Friday, August 15 at 7:30 pm **Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra** - Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 pm For concerts at Cecilia's Retreat in Mahone Bay and elsewhere in the province please visit www.musiqueroyale.com

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Fishermen's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will present a Pantry Table Sale to raise money for the hospital at the Lunenburg Festival of Crafts Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Donations of baked goods, jams, jellies, preserves or cash/cheques are appreciated. Donations may be delivered to the Auxiliary Booth in the Memorial Arena. Hours: Saturday, 11am-7pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm or arrange for pick up 634-3604.

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