



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.

Rector's Message



A warm word of welcome to our parishioners and to all who are visiting with us this weekend. A special word of welcome to our friends from Boxwood. It is always a delight to have you with us as you share your musical gifts at the 10:30am Service. We pray God's blessing upon you in this season of summer.

Often we use the phrase 'chance of a lifetime' to describe opportunities we simply do not want to miss, such as a trip overseas or an exceptionally good bargain on something that is precious to us. In Matthew's mind, as shown in today's gospel reading, true disciples of Jesus understand that living in the Kingdom of God is just such a 'chance of a lifetime!'

We find five descriptions of the Kingdom of God in today's Gospel lesson. Each description is meant to help us appreciate just how valuable and how precious the Kingdom of God is. It is to be sought above all else. Are you a Kingdom Seeker? Are you on a life's quest to fully discover and live the values of the Kingdom? If so, blessed are you and blessed will be everyone around you. This world needs Kingdom seekers willing to put Christ's values into daily practice. We are given the 'chance of a lifetime' by Christ our Lord. Let us ask Jesus, our brother, to help us become the people who can forsake all else to follow him.

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Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

The pearl of great price.

What is that pearl?

Honour or accolades? Being Prime Minister or King of everything?

A Mercedes? Fat Portfolios or oil wells?

Or could it be a kind word, dinner with friends?

Neighbour serving neighbour?

Opening our hearts to God's love?

Lord, Help us pay the great price.

Let us find the real treasure in our lives.

Amen.

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: J.S. Bach Sonata No. 2 for flute and piano (1st and 2nd movts) – Shelley Phillips, flute and Barbara Butler, piano

The Gathering of the Community Announcements and Welcome

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #350 'Stand Up and Bless the Lord'

Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

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 #686 (sung by Bronwyn Thies-Thompson)

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. 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.

The Collect of the Day

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

○ God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

GENESIS 29:15-28

Solo: Er Richt't's' zu seinen Ehren und deiner Seligkeit (He Sets for His Honour and for Thy Blessedness) - J. S. Bach

PSALM The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works. **R**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

R

He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world. He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations: **R**

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac, Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel, Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah! **R**

PSALM 15:1-11, 45C

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for

words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "*For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.*" No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **ROMANS 8:26-39**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession # 458 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God'

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Jesus put before them another parable: "*The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.*"

He told them another parable: "*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*"

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you

understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Sermon

How we rejoice at material prosperity, and how we find ourselves worked into a fury when we lose even a minimal amount of money. If only we could be so conscientious about our heavenly spiritual treasury, a treasury that is built up with virtue and diminished in vice. True and lasting treasure is much more valuable than any price tag could express. We are truly wise when we recognize the vast fortune that awaits those who put their trust in the Lord, strive to do His will and follow in His ways.

The Creed *Let us join in professing 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. Amen.

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

Refrain: 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,
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.

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #628

'O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High'

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*

Lord our God, receive all we offer you this day. Create between you and us a holy communion of love. Come among us in Jesus Christ in this Eucharist and in our daily life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are

the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

#689 (sung by Bronwyn Thies-Thompson)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power, God of 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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** *(Sung)*

The Lord's Prayer

With Jesus we pray to our Father in heaven that his kingdom come on earth:

**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 "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion #690 (sung by Bronwyn Thies-Thompson)

**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 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.

Music during Communion: Solo: Schafe können sicher weiden

(Sheep may safely graze) - J.S. Bach

Let Us Break Bread Together - arr. Wm. Lawrence

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, in this Eucharist, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your everlasting promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **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 Christ be our treasure and joy now and always,

and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son and the 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 #486 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

(Tune: Hyfrydol)

Postlude: Finale on Hyfrydol - Coleman

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Rising Fuel Costs

Dear fellow parishioners, all of us have felt the effects of a severe winter and the rising cost of fuel. Here is some information regarding our fuel costs at both the church and parish hall:

- Total fuel cost for full year 2013 for both church and hall was \$17,178.
- Total fuel cost to date for current year for both church and hall is \$18,700.
- This means we have exceeded last year's numbers by \$1,522 and will have additional fuel expenses for this coming fall.
- Total outstanding balance on our West Nova account is \$2,943.19.

Any financial assistance you can provide to bring our account up to date will be truly appreciated.

Cammy Tibbo, Parish Treasurer



Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda, The Most Revd Dr Onesphore Rwaje, Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo.

Diocesan Cycle: Hatchet Lake and Terence Bay, Rev. Lisa Vaughn and Brent Chezenko, Rev. Cheryl Rafuse, Deacon ; St. John the Evangelist, Sackville, Rev. Norma Mitchell; St. Francis by the Lakes, Lower Sackville, Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury and Valerie, Rev. Ken Turner, Assistant Priest, and Helen, Rev. Faye Forbes, Assistant Priest, Rev. Joan Helpard, Deacon; Parish of Timberlea, Rev. Mark Pretty, Rev. Judie Lafford, Assistant Priest, and Arthur, Rev. Marilyn Hamlin, Deacon, and Gordon.

Local Ministerial: Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Freedom 99**;

Lunar Fisheries - **Dual Venture**; Clearwater - **Atlantic Guardian**.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Bill Black

10:30 am Sheila Morris, Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson

Lectors: **8:30 am** Cathy Ramey, Susan Foote

10:30am Margaret Mason, Roger Mason

Sidespersons: Carrie Skinner, Audrey Skinner

Hostesses: Carrie Skinner, Audrey Skinner

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD

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

10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone, Velvet Eliuk

Lectors: **8:30 am** Laura Roblee, Roxie Smith

10:30am Judy McPherson, Mary Meisner

Sidespersons: Ethel Black, Heather & Oran Hyson

Hosts: Leslie Eliuk, Velvet Eliuk

Our Guest Musicians today:

Multi-talented instrumentalist **Shelley Phillips** received her M.M. from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In addition to performing and recording in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas, she is director of the Santa Cruz Community Music School, which offers music lessons in the folk and conservatory traditions. She is a member of the Narnian Consort, Orison, the Shaker Ensemble and the Anjali Quartet, and has appeared on many Gourd recordings including Wondrous Love, Orison, Simple Gifts, Tree of Life, The World Turned Upside Down and Pavane.

Soprano **Bronwyn Thies-Thompson** has been surrounded by music for her entire life. She began cello studies at age 4, and the French horn at 11 before finding her musical voice as a singer. Hailing from Ottawa, Bronwyn is a voice student of countertenor Daniel Taylor. With a background as an Anglican Cathedral chorister, she remains active in both the secular and sacred choral worlds, performing with professional chamber choirs in both Ottawa and Toronto. Bronwyn has received vocal and historical practice instruction from a number of Early Music specialists including Dame Emma Kirkby, Nancy Argenta, and Suzie Leblanc. Recently, she has participated in performances of Bach Cantatas with Dame Kirkby, as a chorister

under Helmuth Rilling in Chile, as well as in concert programs with the Gabrieli Consort and The Tallis Scholars. She is a participant and a scholarship recipient at Boxwood Festival, here in Lunenburg, this year. Bronwyn has, since last summer, served as summer Cantor and soloist at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa and is delighted to be singing at St. John's Anglican.

Musique Royale Events at St. John's

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

Musique Royale presents a guitar and piano recital at St. George's Anglican Church in East River, Parish of Chester, on Sunday, **August 9** at 7:30 pm. The event celebrates the 125th anniversary of the church.

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