



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 1793

Rector's Message

Welcome to St. John's Church on this beautiful summer Sunday. Rev Louis Quennelle and Rev. Gillian Ball continue to share ministry while our Rector is on vacation.

St. John's Parish is the spiritual home to hundreds of parishioners and families. Our historic church, with its legacy of 261 years, is also a place which draws tourists, pilgrims and visitors from all around the world. It is a blessing to welcome and receive so many.

Today's scripture calls us to show hospitality and to welcome everyone. Sometimes, this can stretch us beyond our



comfort level. Even Jesus seems stretched to the limit in his encounter with the Canaanite woman.

We know and profess that God is the Father of all people. We believe and announce that Jesus died for everyone and all. History shows that often there are divisions among Christians because of the different ways we worship or understand the scriptures.

What do we think of aliens and strangers and how do we treat them? What is our attitude toward people who are different? We are all God's children, and God desires the happiness of all. He calls all to his house and wants it to be a house of prayer for all. With Christ, let us welcome all. Have a wonderful week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Sharon Green, Sheila Morris
Lectors: 8:30 am Laura Roblee, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Lillian Keeping, Kevin Skinner
Sidespersons: Charles & Joan Carlson
Hostesses: Joyce Creaser, Marie Daurie

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Sharon Green
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra & Ed Jordan
10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Bruce Holdbrook
Sidespersons: Charles & Joan Carlson
Hostesses: Jo Eisenhauer, Mary Fritenburg

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Music

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #7 'New Every Morning Is the Love'

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.**

All Almighty God,
**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.**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

GENESIS 45:1-15

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

PSALM REFRAIN

How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **R** PSALM 133

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been

disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

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

Gospel Procession #292 'We Cannot Measure How You Heal'

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 left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MATTHEW 15:10-28

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

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

United with Christians everywhere, we 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.

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 #613 'We Lay Our Broken World'

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*

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus 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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power, 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.

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.

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father in heaven.

**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:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

**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. All the Baptised are welcome to the Lord's table. 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.

Communion Hymn #61 'As We Gather At Your Table'

Prayer After Communion

God our Father, in this Eucharist we have tasted our unity in Jesus Christ your Son. He died and rose to life for all; his likeness is reflected in the face of every human being: let it become visible in all. Let his face not be marred or divided by our prejudices and fears; do not allow our love to be less than universal, but unite us all in him who is our common way to you and to one another, 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

In welcoming others, may we welcome Christ and be welcomed by Christ, 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 #430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

Postlude Music

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of South India (United) Kanyakumari - (South India) The Rt Revd Gnanasigamony Devakadasham.

Diocesan Cycle: Parish of St. James', Kentville, Rev Cathy Pharo and Chris, Rev Catherine Desloges, Assistant Priest, and Brian; Parish of Brooklyn, Rev Maya Bevan, Priest-in-Charge.

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

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Freedom 99, Cachalot I;**
Lunar Fisheries - **Island Pride I;** Clearwater - **Ernest E. Pierce.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- **September 7th** Sunday School Registration and 1st Day of Sunday School with our new Sunday School program. At the Parish Hall beginning at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

The Student Tour Guides will soon be heading back to university. We are once again looking for volunteers to help out with the Tour Guide Program starting August 25th. Shifts are flexible. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact Jane Ritcey Moore at 902-275-4834.

Musique Royale Event at St. John's

Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra - Wednesday, **August 27** at 7:30 pm

ANNUAL FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Fishermen's Memorial Service to honour those who have been lost at sea from Lunenburg County ports will be held on Sunday, September 7th on the Lunenburg waterfront at 2pm. The Blessing of the Fleet will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Contact information is below if you need to reach us in the meantime.

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As the Chinese proverb puts it:
If you want happiness for an hour– take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day – go fishing.
If you want happiness for a year – inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime – help someone else.

CHUCKLE

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small flags mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focussed on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this"? he asked. The pastor said, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked, "Which service? The 8:30 or the 10:30?"

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead.

The third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead.

The fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What can you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" That pretty much ended the service.

Have a great week folks!