



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



Welcome to everyone in these days when so many are returning to school, work and the routines that mark September.

This Sunday marks the return of our children, parents and teachers as Sunday School resumes. Ministry with children and youth must be seen as vital components of our parish life which require our full support. A word of thanks once again to Jennifer Green Heisler, who has led our Sunday School for many years. Jenn will continue to work with our youth as she will coordinate our monthly Messy Church events.

Christina Bower is our new Sunday School Coordinator. She brings a lot of enthusiasm and experience as a new mom and a professional teacher. A successful Sunday School takes many hands and good participation on the part of the children, parents and other adults in the congregation. We will need your help as we hope to have several teachers who can take turns and share the load. Do you have a love of children and youth and a desire to share the Good News of God's love with them? If so, Sunday School is a great place to get involved. Please consider helping in anyway, it doesn't have to be every week, arrangements can be made. Speak to Christina or myself if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.

Today's gospel speaks of healing and restoration in a community of love. The truth is that we are responsible for one another and the health of our community of faith. Nothing destroys love or unity in a family, community or church, as much as sin, resentment and shame. Let us strive for forgiveness and mutual understanding, built upon healthy communication. Have a great week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer;
10:30 am Sharon Green, Sheila Morris, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Christine Pottie;
10:30 am Judy McPherson, Ann Perry
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Margaret & Roger Mason
Hostesses: Patty Rhineland, Jane Ritcey Moore

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer;
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Robert MacMillan, Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Cathy Ramey
10:30 am Mary Meisner, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Margaret Shirley
Hostesses: Rose Conrad, Mary Meisner

The Holy Eucharist

Missa Nova in C - Alexander Tilley

Excerpts from Missa Nova in C with choir and congregation *

Processional Hymn # 349 'All People That on Earth Do Dwell'

Please stand for Processional Hymn

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

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.

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.

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 sings or says the collect.

Lord God, our Father, your Son Jesus Christ has brought us together as a community of sinners who know your forgiveness. When our weaknesses threaten our unity, remind us of our responsibility for one another. Let your unifying Spirit give us the strength to care for one another and to do all we can to remain a living, forgiving and welcoming community in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** EXODUS 12:1-14

PSALM REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. **R**

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; **R**

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah! **R**

PSALM 149

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *ROMANS 13:8-14*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn #10 'We, the Lord's People'

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or sit for the prayers. **Response: 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

We welcome our Sunday School as 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 Offertory Hymn #331 'God, We Praise You'

The Prayer Over the Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

(Sung) **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.**

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

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. **Amen.** *(Sung)*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for one another and for the world, in Christ's 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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:

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

All Give us this bread for ever.

"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 and says,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.
The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of Canada, welcomes to the Lord's table for Holy Communion all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion Hymn #63 'Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup'

Choir Anthem: Laudate Dominum - Mozart with soloist Judith Burdett

Children's Time A warm welcome to all of our children and parents

Prayer after Communion

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

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 our generous God lead us this day to share forgiveness and to embrace God's healing as we meet Christ in everyone we meet, and may the bless of Almighty God, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #309 'Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet'

Postlude: Trumpet Tune - Tambling

Following the Service, you are cordially invited to gather in the Plaza for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

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FISHERMANS MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today at 2pm

Everyone is invited to the waterfront for this most solemn event in the life of our community. Following the Service, there will be the Laying of Wreaths and the Blessing of the Fleet.

INFINITELY MORE - BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 3:00pm, St. John's Anglican Church will host three-time Covenant Award Nominee, **Infinitely More**, for an afternoon of inspirational entertainment! Husband and wife duo, Gerald Flemming and Allison Lynn, use prodigious finger-style guitar and signature vocal harmonies to create a joyful mix of acclaimed original songs and fresh interpretations of the classics. Blending Gospel, Praise & Worship, Country, Pop, and Hymns, **Infinitely More** creates a fresh new sound for the church. This afternoon of music will encourage and inspire both the seeker and the lifelong Christian. **Infinitely More** has a desire to share the love and light of God. Based in Burlington, ON, this couple will travel over 15,000 KM this year to spread the Gospel through song! Performing at St. John's has a special significance for **Infinitely More**. In their first year of dating, they were invited to sing for a special fund raising event held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto, to benefit the restoration of St. John's Church, following the fire of 2001. That concert, organized by Bishop Art Brown and Tom Eisenhauer, featured a host of musicians, including performing powerhouse John Allan Cameron. Gerald and Allison performed a song specially penned for the event by Rev. Herbert O'Driscoll. **Infinitely More** say they have many fond memories of that night, and the love that was poured from one group of Anglicans to another, helping one another in their time of need. They have looked forward to coming to St. John's Church ever since. To learn more about their music and ministry, visit www.InfinitelyMore.ca. *The concert is: Sunday, September 28th at 3:00pm. It will be followed by a fabulous fall BBQ. Tickets for the concert: \$10.00. Children under 12 are free. Tickets for the BBQ: \$10.00. Children under 12 are free. We hope this will be an exciting event for individuals and families in the community.*

*** A Note from Barbara:**

It is a pleasure to have Edmund Brownless assisting me and the choir this morning before he heads back to Germany. The communion setting we will sing today is written by Halifax composer Alexander Tilley, written for use at All Saints Cathedral. It is a delightful setting and I invite you to follow the musical score that you see in your pews. This setting is one of a few we hope to share with you from time to time. The others include the 'Mass of Creation' and 'Mass of Remembrance' by Marty Haugen, settings by Merbecke, Senchur, Proulx among others in Common Praise as well as the wonderful settings by Paul Halley.

It is a pleasure also to have Judith Burdett with us at the 10:30 am service, our guest soloist in Mozart's Laudate Dominum.

On Monday, September 22 at 7:30 pm Musique Royale presents the brilliant young Canadian organist, Shawn Potter. Shawn began organ studies in his native Nova Scotia and recently obtained a master's degree in organ performance from McGill University with John Grew. He is the winner of the 2013 Royal Canadian College of Organists' National Organ Competition and currently the Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Ottawa. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 students) at Shop on the Corner and at the door.

Our choirs are now back in rehearsal for the fall. Chancel Choir meets each Wednesday at 7 pm and St. John's Ringers on Tuesday at 7 pm. Our congregational choir participates at special services through the year, including funeral services here at St. John's and at Sweeney's. A warm welcome is extended to all our choir members. New members are always welcome and your participation is greatly appreciated. I can be reached at 624-0506 and Sharon at 634-8781.

LAY READER MEETING - September 10th at 11 am in the Zinck Room

THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our Thanksgiving Newsletter will soon be produced and we need your items to make it a 'parish newsworthy' document. If all heads of our ministries would send a short outline of what is happening within their group, it would make for some interesting parish reading. Please send your articles to Brian and Janice Kenefick cynffig@eastlink.ca or phone 902-764-2145 no later than September 24th.

ACW ANNUAL MEETING

All Anglican women are invited to the Annual AGM for St. Margaret's - Lunenburg Wednesday, October 1st at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Hubbards. Holy Eucharist will be held at 10:30am with a luncheon served at 12 noon in St. Luke's Hall. The business meeting will assemble at 1 pm. Contact Jane Ramey at 902-857-9054 or email ramey@ns.sympatico.ca by September 18th with the number of persons planning to attend.

LUNENBURG FOOD BANK

The Lunenburg Food Bank is always grateful for donations of canned goods, cereal, packaged pasta etc. (NO expired items please). Monetary contributions are welcome as well. Please put your bags of food in the Trawl tubs at the back of the church or put your money donations in the collection plate. Also a reminder to drop your change in the collection boxes marked Crumbs from the Table, at Savvy Sailor, Big Red's, Docksider and Sweet Indulgence. Monies collected are used to help needy people worldwide. For more information about these initiatives, please contact Laura Roblee at 521-4823 or lauraroblee@yahoo.com

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