



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 everyone as we gather to worship God on this beautiful mid-September Sunday. Let us give thanks for the beauty of God's creation and celebrate our responsibility towards it.

At the root of much violence and destruction in the world we see people exercising an unreasonable desire to control others. Is this not actually a desire to claim the power that belongs to God alone? Human want so much to be like God in controlling the universe and all that is therein, that we push the limits of power and often step on each other in the process. Isn't it ironic, then, that the only human being who could ever legitimately claim equality with God was the very one who let go of that claim?

Jesus, the Son of Man, the Human One, emptied himself of all divine power and gave himself over to death on a cross. In surrendering the advantage of his own divine nature he won for us a share in that very nature. In giving up the use of power as the world knows it, he offered us a new power found in humility and service to others. Today's feast of the Holy Cross celebrates the victory of love over hatred, and the triumph of life over death. The triumph of the cross is a powerful invitation to each one of us to unite ourselves with Christ in the mystery of the Eucharistic celebration and claim a new kind of victory won for us by the death and resurrection of Love Incarnate. Have a great week. **Michael+**

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer;
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Robert Macmillan, Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Cathy Ramey
10:30 am Mary Meisner, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Margaret Shirley, Judy McPherson
Hostesses: Rose Conrad, Mary Meisner

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st
Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Sharon Green, Roger Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandy Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30 am Cathy Ramey, Rosemary Smith
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Margaret Shirley, Judy McPherson
Hostesses:

The Holy Eucharist

Missa Nova in C - Alexander Tilley

Prelude: *Entree Solennelle - Boellmann*

Processional Hymn #412 O God, Beyond All face and Form

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, 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 Numbers.

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

NUMBERS 21:4B-9

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord has made known his victory.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm he has won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all that ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R**

PSALM 98:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

I CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

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

Gospel Hymn #494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

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



Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

JOHN 3:13-17

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

Reflection

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,
As we celebrate the Cross of Christ,
we recall that 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.

All **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. **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 #358 Earth and All Stars

The Prayer Over the Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 5

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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God,
sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen. (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer

The power of the cross gives us confidence to pray:

**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 sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

This parish family welcomes to the Lord's table for Holy Communion all who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion Hymn #553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

Children's Time A warm welcome to our children and parents with a chat regarding our Sunday School.

Music Moment: *What a Wonderful World* by Thiele/Weiss

I see trees of green, red roses too.
I see them bloom, for me and you.
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue, And clouds of white.
The bright blessed day, The dark sacred night.
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world.

The colours of the rainbow, So pretty in the sky.
Are also on the faces, Of people going by,
I see friends shaking hands. Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you".

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow,
They'll learn much more, Than I'll ever know.
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world.
Yes, I think to myself, What a wonderful world.



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

We ourselves have been marked with the sign of the cross.
On account of the cross, we have power to forgive,
to bear one another's burdens and to care for God's creation
as people of hope and trust, and may the blessing 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 # 491 The Head That Once was Crowned Postlude: Toccata in G minor - Pachelbel

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

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Music Note:

On Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 pm Music 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 is the Director of Music at First Baptist Church, Ottawa. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 students) and are available at Shop on the Corner and at the door.

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.

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.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ACW FUN - FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH FROM 10am TO 2pm

There will be a bake table, flea market and silent auction table. A lunch canteen will serve fish chowder, lobster burgers, chicken burgers, desserts, tea, coffee and juice. Good quality items are needed for the flea market (no clothes or large appliances please) and special items for the Silent Auction Table. Donation of rolls, bread and sweet treats, as well as jams, jellies and pickles would be great for the bake table. This is a fun way to raise some money for St. John's. Last year's sale was a huge success. We need YOUR help to make this one even better! Thank you.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of North India (United) The Most Revd Dr Philip Marandih, Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Patna.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Retired Clergy of the Chebucto Region.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Partnering Prayer: Pray for our linked church St. Eadburgha's in Ebrington UK. This small village church in the North Cotswolds has become popular all over the world after partnering with churches in 28 different countries. 60 churches are informally linked to the church, St. John's being one of those.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Freedom 99, Cachalot 1;

This Week: Our Rector has remaining vacation which he will take from Sept. 16 - Sept. 23rd. Rev. Louis will be Priest in Charge during this time. Please direct questions to the parish office or to Rev. Louis.

ACW ANNUAL MEETING

All Anglican women are invited to the Annual AGM for St. Margaret's - Lunenburg Regions, on 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 1pm. Contact Barbara Nowe at 902-634-4473 by September 18th if you would like to attend. There will car pooling available.

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