



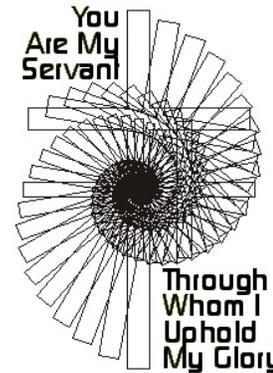
St. John's Anglican Church

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! There's a lot of talk about people's 'identity'. With modern social media, there is very little it seems, that we don't know about some people. TV has Reality Shows with people discovering 'Who They Are?' And a reality TV host has just become the President of the USA! It also appears that a great deal of conflict and trouble in the world is the result of one group or another seeking to impose their identity and their way on others.

Today's Gospel invites us to consider the identity of Jesus and as with the disciples, to ponder who we are in relation to Jesus. We can ask, who is Jesus to me? What is the name for us that would best fit him? Isaiah calls him, 'the Servant of God.' St. Paul calls him 'Jesus Christ the Lord.' John the Baptist points Jesus out as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.'

As we look to Jesus and the identity he shares with the Father, might we also consider our identity through Baptism, as a child of God.

Each of us as followers of Jesus is called to be a disciple and a Christ-bearer, who recognize the dignity of all people, and who continue God's mission of love and compassion to the poor, the marginalised, to those most in need of light and healing.

As we enter the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with a special Service next Sunday evening, let us give thanks for our common witness as the body of Christ in the world. Pray that we may grow closer to one another in our daily lives. We will gather next Sunday evening at 7pm at St. Norbert's Church to pray, sing and worship our God and to enjoy fellowship together. God bless you this week. *Fr. Michael+*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Sharon Green

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30am Rose Conrad, Heather Eisenhauer; Server: Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Betty & Elroy Creaser

LAY MINISTERS NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 22

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Roger Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Maureen Moffatt

10:30am Ann Grandy, Bruce Holdbrook; Server: Aisling Curtin

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Greensleeves – arr. Vaughn Williams

Hymn #385 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'

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.

People 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, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)

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,

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)

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 the Father

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)

Amen Music by Carl Haywood – from 'Mass for Grace'

Time with our Children

This is the day, this is the day.

That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day. That the Lord has made.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you sent your Son, the spotless Lamb, to take upon himself the sin of the world. Make our lives holy, that your Church may bear witness to your purpose of reconciling all things in Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." ISAIAH 49:1-7
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. R

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord. R

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you. Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count. R

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come. R

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'" I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. R

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation. You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. R
PSALM 40:1-12

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #508 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'

The Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Here is the
Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin
of the world!

John 1:29

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but

the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).
JOHN 1:29-42
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed We confess the faith of our baptism, 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: Jesus, light of the world, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Kyushu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Milton and Rustico, Prince Edward Island, Rev Ralph Moore and Bonnie, Rev Ken Williams, Assistant Priest, and Norma Jean; Crapaud, Prince Edward Island, Rev Margaret Collins, Priest-in-Charge; New London, Prince Edward Island, Rev Margaret Fagan and Darroch, Rev Shirley Cole-McFadden, Assistant Priest.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Archdeacon Michael Mitchell and Holly.

Fisheries: Please pray for our inshore lobster fishermen.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

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.

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.

People 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

Offertory Hymn # 352 'Amazing Grace'

Parishioners share in gathering the offering of God's people. 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

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

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 for Sunday

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine
and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.
We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy (repeat)
Holy, Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest (repeat)

Music by Grayson Warren Brown from 'A Mass for a Soulful People'

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) #733CP
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

So 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; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. People Amen. (Sung) #734 CP

The Lord’s Prayer United to Jesus, the Lamb of God, let us 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

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 peace

Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

*We welcome to the Lord's table
all who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymn

#73 ‘One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All’

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

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

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us
with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the
world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,

All 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

God sends you now to be his presence in today’s world.

Go and tell to those you meet the wonders he has done for

And the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Hymn #438 'O Jesus, I Have Promised'

Postlude: All Glory Be To God On High - Leupold

NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Special service next Sunday at 7pm.
St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, Lunenburg



From January 18 to 25, Christians around the world will mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation, the theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. Let us join in prayer for all Christians around the world and for our sister churches here in Lunenburg.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12

Committee Reports for our Annual General Meeting, being held Sunday, February 12th, should be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office. They are due no later than January 20th. Thank you for getting these in on time. A Potluck luncheon will be held followed by the meeting. Bring something along to share. Please hold the parish and AGM in your prayer. Thank you.

ACW POTLUCK AND MYSTERY AUCTION

All ladies of the parish are invited to come and enjoy the annual potluck luncheon and mystery auction on Monday, January 16 at 12 noon. This is a fun afternoon, beginning with great food and followed by lots of laughs as the "mystery auction" unfolds. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

New Acw Fundraising Plates Are Available in Church Today.
Your Generous Support Makes a Difference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK
Nursery...Rena...Assistants - Laura and Nikki
Grade I...Sherry...Assistant - Sebastian
Grade II...Christina B...Assistant - Alex
Upper Class....Emmi and Wayne



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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

to Senator Wilfred Moore who is retiring from the Senate of Canada after 23 years of faithful service to Canada. On behalf of the parishioners of St. John's we express our appreciation and best wishes and good health for the years to come.

Fr. Michael

