



Rector's Message

Welcome everyone! Jesus invites his disciples to come and follow him. In the following of Jesus they discover that they too are being called to help spread the Kingdom of God around them. They leave their old lives behind as they take up the new life of being a disciple of the Lord. Their choices and decisions have an impact upon all of our lives.

Ministry belongs to the 'Whole People of God' through Baptism, yet each of us has particular gifts and skills that we bring to our daily lives. Jesus recognized gifts and skills in Peter and Andrew. He called them by name and invited them to follow him. It meant that they had to make significant changes in their lives, in fact, they gave up their previous work to become disciples and eventually, apostle for Christ. So too, in our lives, God's call often means taking a close look at who we are and what we are doing. At times, this can mean taking a new direction or path as we follow him.

God always gives grace and strength to those whom God calls. We are never alone, but like the disciples, we have a community gathered around Christ where we worship and praise God, and where we gather strength and insight.

God bless you and have a great week.

Fr. Michael

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
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
Sidespersons: Betty & Elroy Creaser

LAY MINISTERS NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 29
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Cathy Ramey
10:30am John Collins, Heather Hyson; Server: Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner

The Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn #572 'Let There Be Light'

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 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

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 ISAIAH

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the

land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

ISAIAH 9:1-4

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? R

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. R

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. R

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. R

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek. R

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. R

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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. I The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

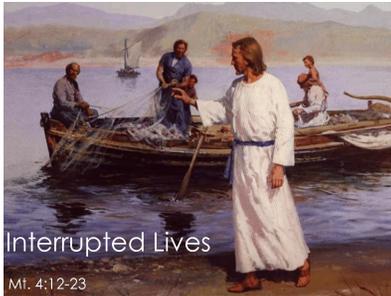
CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

Gradual Hymn #430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

The Gospel

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.



Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who

sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. MATTHEW 4:12-23
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, Lord of life, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Lake Rukwa - (Tanzania) Diocesan
Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Parish of Port Hill, Prince Edward Island,
Rev Ann Bush, Rev Gordon Bush, Deacon; The Parish of St. Paul's,
Charlottetown, Archdeacon John Clarke and Theresa, Rev Jay
Macdonald, Assistant Priest, and Carol.

Local Ministerial: The congregation of Central United Church and Rev
Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Clearwater - Atlantic
Preserver; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

Prayer Partners: Please keep our overseas Prayer Partners at St
Eadburghas and Peter Satterthwaite in your prayers.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his 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.

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 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace'

1. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your Pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

3. O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

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 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.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us, you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

Through Christ, in Christ and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these or similar words:

Called by Jesus to follow him, 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:

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 and says,
The gifts of God for the People of God.

All 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.

This community of faith,
welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Communion, hymns may be sung and silence may be kept.

Communion Hymn #59 'Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him'

Prayer after Communion

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

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been
nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy
table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant 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

As Jesus called the fishermen, Andrew and Peter, so too, Jesus
calls us to be fisher-folk who share his Good News with all we
meet. May the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit sustain you in your ministry and remain with
you always. Amen.

Celebrant Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #34 | 'God of Mercy, God of Grace'

NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUEST

The Sunday School is in need of clean 500mL containers (i.e. yogurt or
cottage cheese) for the Sunday School to use. Please drop off any
containers that you can spare at the Sunday School Hall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12

Our Annual General Meeting is being held Sunday, February 12th after
the 10:30am service. A Potluck luncheon will be held followed by the
meeting. Bring a favourite dish of food along to share. Please hold the
parish and AGM in your prayer. Thank you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A special service will be held at St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church,
Lunenburg today at 7pm. Let us join in prayer for all Christians around
the world and for our sister churches here in Lunenburg.

A MORNING RESOLVE

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling
promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement,
impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity,
and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure,
generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed
service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work,
study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit
has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of
success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my
Saviour, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forward Day By Day

SPLISH SPLASH!

Sunday School students are invited
to make a splash at a



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
PARTY WILL BE HELD DURING
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOURS
10:30 AM-NOON

PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF
DIRECTLY AT EMOCEAN SPA
296 LINCOLN ST, LUNENBURG
PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

DON'T FORGET A TOWEL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK

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