



Dear parishioners and friends, welcome as we gather to worship our loving God. At our 10:30am service, we will celebrate a baptism.

We live in a world where we witness much evil. A generation ago, we saw it in Nazi Germany. We continue to witness it in places like Syria and in other countries where people's freedom and justice are curtailed by Dictators.

Yet, we are people of hope, called to trust in the Amazing Grace given to us and to the world in Jesus Christ. Evil is overcome with expressions of goodness and in joining in solidarity for the cause of justice and righteousness.

Evil is not just out there, however. It can affect us personally and often our reaction is anger and striking back. Today's message is this: do not let evil force you to fight it with its own weapons of evil. Fight it with the weapons of God: mercy, forgiveness, love of the evildoer and continual prayer for the ones who have hurt you

Rivalry, revenge, hatred, making people pay back any hurt done to us, are the usual ways of our world. History shows us that God's people can break the spiral of evil. The words of Jesus are meant to be brought to our everyday living, enabling us to be peacemakers and sowers of peace, by forgiving and forgetting hurt. The spiral of evil is not broken with more evil, it is overcome with the Spirit of loving truth.

Jesus came into the world to bring reconciliation with God and people. He is the image of the Father's loving presence in the world. We too as his disciples are called to bring into our world something of the goodness of the Father. Let us ask that in this we may follow Jesus; then we will surely be his disciples. God bless you and have a great week. *Michael+*

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. 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 Roger Demone, Heather Hyson  
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra & Ed Jordan  
10:30am Mary Meisner, Kevin Skinner; Server: Aisling Curtin  
Sidespersons: Oran & Heather Hyson

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26  
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer  
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Holly Mitchell  
Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Linda Macdonald  
10:30am Holly Mitchell, Hazel Oliver; Server: Aisling Curtin  
Sidespersons: Jim & Viola Green

# Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

*We welcome into God's family through Holy Baptism, Henry Francis Hansen Van Leeuwen, son of Sean and Jyll (Hansen) Van Leuwen. Henry is the great great grandson of Hubert Anderson of our parish family.*

Prelude: Third Movement from Italian Concerto – J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn #350 'Stand Up and Bless the Lord'

Officiant Be holy, for I, the Lord, am holy.  
Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.  
God turns those whom sin has made his enemies  
into his friends through forgiveness.

Officiant Lord, open our lips,  
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.  
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Invitatory - The Jubilate

All The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All: The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

# Children's Message

## A Prayer For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that Your way gives life and a lasting peace, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to place their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation. Make each of us models of faith and hope for one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

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

God our Father, in your Son Jesus Christ you have shown us your tenderness and have accepted us sinful people, as your sons and daughters. Share your heart with us, make us merciful and discerning people, that we may learn from the way you have treated us to accept everyone without conditions, to forgive and forget all hurts, so we may share your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Proclamation of the Word

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 9-18

**PSALM REFRAIN** Instruct me in your statutes, O Lord.  
 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart. R  
 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. R  
 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways. Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you. R  
 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good. Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life. R  
 PSALM 119:33-40

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.  
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I CORINTHIANS 3:10-11, 16-23

**Gospel Hymn #382 'Praise to the Lord'**

**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.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your

brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."  
 MATTHEW 5:38-48  
 The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Presentation and Examination of Candidate**

The family with a child for Holy Baptism is invited to stand.

Parents and sponsors stand and say,  
 I present Henry Francis Hansen VanLeeuwen to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?  
 Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help your child to grow into the full stature of Christ?  
 Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks parents, sponsors and congregation the following:  
 Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
 Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
 Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
 Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? Answer I do.  
 Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Answer I do.  
 Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? Answer I do.

Question to the congregation,  
 Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
 People We will.

**Prayers for the Candidate**

Let us now pray for Henry, in his sacrament of new birth.  
 Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
 People Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
 People Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
 People Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
 People Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
 People Lord, hear our prayer.  
 Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.  
Other prayers are added, using the same response.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

### Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

### Thanksgiving Over the Water - The celebrant blesses the water.

The Lord be with you. People And also with you.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called this child to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify + this water, that your servant who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint him with your Holy

Spirit and bring him to new birth in the family of your Church, that he may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
All Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

### The Baptismal Covenant

Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?  
I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?  
People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?  
People I will, with God's help.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



## The Baptism

The candidate is presented to the celebrant,  
who then pours water, saying,

Henry, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The sign of the cross is marked on the forehead with Holy Chrism, saying,  
I sign you with the cross +, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The celebrant and family then go into the Chancel  
to present the newly baptized to the congregation.

## Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honour! With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

The following prayer is said together:

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon this your servant  
the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him  
to the new life of grace.  
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

## The Giving of the Light

The newly baptized is given a candle lit from the Paschal (Christ) Candle.

Receive the light of Christ,  
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

When the newly baptized have received candles, the people say,  
Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome our newly baptized into our parish family.  
We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you. The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

## The Offertory

'I've Got Peace Like a River'

I've got peace like a river (repeat)  
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2 x)  
I've got love like an ocean (repeat)  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2 x)  
I've got joy like a fountain (repeat)  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2 x)

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

God our Father, we bring before you the offering of our very  
selves, that it may be a gift of peace and reconciliation. With your  
Son, may we discover the best that is in each of us and to create one  
another anew with the same liberating and forgiving love which you  
have shown us, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these or similar words:  
With Jesus we pray to our Father that he may not only forgive us our sins  
but help us forgive those who sin against us:

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.

## Please be seated for the Announcements

### 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

We have been taught a challenging lesson today.  
We are called to learn to love like God  
with the love God has shown us in Christ.  
Who will take the first step to make up?  
Who will repay evil with good?  
Knowing we cannot do this on our own, let us ask God's blessing and  
strength - May the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit sustain you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

## Recessional Hymn

God Be With You  
God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again  
God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again

## Postlude: Invention

## NOTICES

Note from our choirs and music committee: Our appreciation is extended to all members of the congregation for supporting our 'Soupermarket' held in the church hall this past Saturday. It was a wonderful event to share with you. Thanks to those who made tasty soups and desserts and contributed to our 'treasure tables'.

### INSTALLATION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Installation of our Parish Council members will be held on Sunday, March 5 at our 10:30 am service. The next meeting of Parish Council will take place on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### NEWSLETTERS

We are in the process of putting together our Lent/Easter Newsletter and would appreciate receiving articles from ALL our Committee Heads. This is so important because it makes the Newsletter enjoyable and 'churchy'. Please email your submissions no later than February 20th to Brian Kenefick [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca).

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christians around the world celebrate this event on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in March. It is a wonderful opportunity for women and men and youth to gather in prayer. This year the World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service. Mark your calendar.

Please pick up your Income Tax Receipt at the back of the church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK

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