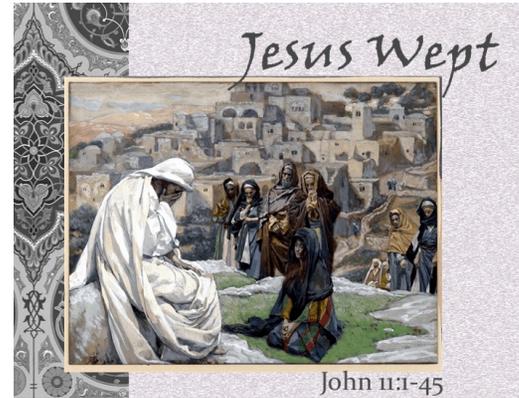


St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: 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.*



Rector's Message

Welcome to St. John's on this Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent. The prophet Ezekiel offers God's people, who find themselves in exile and feeling 'like dead and forgotten' people, words of hope. God is a God of life, who will "bring you up from your graves."

In today's gospel lesson, we see that Jesus has power over life and death. We are

also shown a very human Jesus who grieves over the death of his friend Lazarus. One of the briefest statements we ever hear about Jesus is found in today's gospel, in two words: "Jesus wept." How very human to feel the full impact of grief! How comforting to know that Jesus feels like we do at times. Sooner or later every one of us is going to die. Our preparation for death should not just be for ourselves, but also for the loss of loved ones.

An ancient African saying goes like this: "There is no way out of the desert except through it." No amount of knowledge can prepare us for bereavement. The journey through grief is one of the most intense and enduring emotions we can experience. There is no quick fix. No short-cut.

Jesus reveals to Martha and Mary, "I am the resurrection and the life." He lifts their vision of life beyond anything they could imagine. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us be mindful of the dying and rising to new life around us, in those coping with persistent illness, pain, loneliness or perhaps experiencing a personal or family crisis. Let us in Christ, reaffirm our faith and trust in the God of life. God bless you this week.

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; Server: Aisling Curtin

10:30 am Roger Demone, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Laura Roblee, Ed Jordan

10:30 am Rose Conrad, Ann Grandy

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Louise & Bruce Holdbrook

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; Server: Aisling Curtin

10:30 am Sharon Green, Heather Hyson, Kevin Skinner

Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Cathy Ramey

10:30 am Heather Eisenhauer, Sharon Green

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. R

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
R PSALM 130

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ROMANS 8:6-11

Gospel Hymn # 179 'Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery'

The Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And with they spirit.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those

who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus

is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

JOHN 11:1-45

The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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, have mercy upon us.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Mityana - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stephen Kaziimba.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and Rev. Rick Pryce and Deborah.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Picton Castle

Confession and Absolution

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: + have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting 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.

And with thy Spirit.

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #306 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

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 Prayer Over the Gifts Read by celebrant

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

Preface for Lent

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Who hast bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism, and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

683 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that

we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer:

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 all say:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.

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

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

Communion Anthem: In Remembrance of Me – arr. Douglas

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

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

God of hope, in this Eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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 the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead be alive in us.
May we live Jesus' life to the full now, that we may be raised up on the
last day. May Jesus, the Lord of life, live within you always. Amen.
And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn #515 'Thou Art the Way: To Thee Alone'

Postlude: Old 100th – Volckmar

NOTICES

Wednesdays in Lent: You are invited to participate in the various events taking place on Wednesdays. The Lenten Café at Zion Lutheran, Music & Meditation at St. John's and Soup Luncheons at Central United.

Music Announcements:

Music and Meditation on Wednesday, April 5 at noon
Kristin Wöckel, soprano; Edmund Brownless, tenor/piano

Saturday, April 8 at 4 pm here at St. John's Church
 A performance of J. S. Bach's St. John Passion - King's College Chapel Choir, guest soloists and instrumentalists under the direction of Paul Halley. A stunning list of artists will be taking part in the Passion. Matthew Anderson (Evangelist), Matthew Cassils (bass arias soloist & Pilate), Alexander Dobson (Jesus), Janelle Lucyk (soprano arias soloist), Daniel Taylor (alto arias soloist). Instrumentalists, led by Baroque specialist David Greenberg also include Grégoire Jay (Baroque flute), and Margaret Little (viola da gamba). Tickets will be available at the door for \$30. Tickets to a special fundraising Passion Dinner in Mahone Bay with the director and soloists the night before the Lunenburg performance, contact barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca

BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN'S - Easter is the preferred Season for Baptism in the Church, as we celebrate the risen life of Christ in us. We will be celebrating baptisms at the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 15th at 4 PM. Call the Parish office if you desire baptism for an adult or child.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Memorial Donations are being accepted in Memory of Departed Loved Ones. Special funds you may contribute to are the Memorial Fund, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund and Food Bank. Please call the Parish office so that acknowledgments can be included in our Easter bulletin.

SEDER SUPPER - TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK



Once again, St. John's will celebrate the Seder Meal during Holy Week. The Seder is the meal which Jesus celebrated at the Jewish Passover in the Upper Room with his disciples. We remember this meal as the "Last Supper". We commemorate it every Maundy Thursday and each time we come together for Eucharist. This year the supper will begin at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 11th. Please mark the date on your calendar. Would you care to contribute to the

meal by helping with food or preparations? Contact the parish office or Robert 527-0122. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church to help us plan for the number who will attend.

RENEWAL OF CLERGY VOWS OF ORDINATION

Please keep the clergy of our parish and diocese in your prayer as they gather at the Cathedral this Wednesday evening and Thursday for a time of prayer, reflection and renewal of their Vows of ordination, together with Bishop Ron Cutler, and Archbishop Fred Hiltz. At this time, the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils used for the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Chrism, used at Baptisms and Ordinations.

Please join us at the Parish Hall to make Palm crosses. Bring your scissors and be prepared to have a good laugh or two. Thursday, April 6 at 1pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK
 Nursery...Rena Demone...Assistants...Nikki Saunders, Laura Eisner
 Grade I...Sherry Skinner...Assistant...Brooke Nodding
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