

# St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, NS

## The Great Vigil of Easter - April 15, 2017

Prelude: O Saviour Blest (from St. Matthew Passion) – J.S. Bach  
Welcome

The Scripture Readings of the Easter Vigil

### CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT (EASTER VIGIL TEXT)

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. This is the night of new be - gin - nings. This is the  
 2. This is the night Christ our re - deem - er rose from the  
 3. Now will the fire kin - dled in dark - ness burn to dis -  
 4. Sing of the hope deep - er than dy - ing. Sing of the  
 5. In - to this world morn - ing is break - ing. All of God's

1. night when heav - en meets earth. This is the night \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. grave tri - um - phant and free, leav - ing the tomb of  
 3. pel the shad - ows of night. Star of the morn - ing,  
 4. pow'r \_\_\_\_\_ strong - er than death. Sing of the love \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. peo - ple, lift up your voice. Cry out with joy, \_\_\_\_\_

1. filled with God's glo - ry, prom - ise of our new birth!  
 2. e - vil and dark - ness, emp - ty for all to see.  
 3. Je - sus our Sav - ior, you are the world's true light!  
 4. end - less as heav - en, dawn - ing through - out the earth.  
 5. tell out the sto - ry, all of the earth re - joice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

We hear the great stories from the Old Testament of how God has  
 been at work from creation for our Salvation.  
 It is read in a three-part narrative.

At various points in the readings,  
 the congregation joins in singing these responses.

1. Psalm 104 - Refrain
2. #468 To Abraham and Sarah
3. #458 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

### The Easter Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

All stand for the Gospel

Reader 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.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary  
 Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly  
 there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from  
 heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance  
 was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the  
 guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the  
 women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who  
 was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come,  
 see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has  
 been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to  
 Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left  
 the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.  
 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him,  
 took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do  
 not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will  
 see me."

The Gospel of Christ. All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Procession to the Entrance of the Church #715

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### The Service of Light

Each one receives a candle. In the darkness, the fire is kindled.

The celebrant greets the people in the Church Square, saying,

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is blessed.

Christ yesterday and today (the vertical arm of the cross is traced) the beginning and the end (the horizontal arm) Alpha (alpha, above the cross) and Omega (omega, below the cross) all time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age for ever.

The paschal candle is lit from the new fire as the celebrant sings,  
The light of Christ. People Thanks be to God.

The congregation light their candles from the Paschal Candle.

The procession enters the church, led by the Paschal Candle.

## Procession into the Church #715

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Collect for the Easter Vigil

Celebrant Let us pray. (Read by Celebrant)

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a

light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

The candles are extinguished following this prayer. The Paschal Candle burns at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

### Renewal of Baptism Vows

#### Processional Hymn to the Baptism Font

##### #35 'Wash O God, Your Sons and Daughters'

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

The celebrant addresses the people with these words.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All I do.

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 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?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The celebrant concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:

God the Creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May almighty God pardon + and forgive you all your sins. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the congregation with water from the Baptism Font.

The Congregation sings: Alleluias of Praise. #715

The Peace

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.

Each person as they are able makes an offering to the Lord for the ministry of the church and the support of the parish.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #204 'Truly, He Comes to Us'

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 all

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 Easter

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken  
away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his  
rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.  
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. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and  
death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying,  
“Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”  
In the same way he took the cup of wine, saying,  
“This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.  
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Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this  
bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand  
in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in  
these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming

their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you  
glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
(Sung) Through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honour are yours almighty Father, for ever and ever.  
Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these or similar words:  
In the joy of the risen Lord, let us pray the Father, saying:

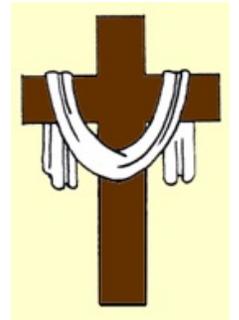
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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:  
Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
Now we are raised to new life.  
We were buried in your tomb.  
Now we share in your resurrection.  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.  
The gifts of God for the People of God.  
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.



## Prayer after Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### 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.

### The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen. All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life and give you  
joy as you share the Easter faith. Amen.

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

All Amen. Alleluia.

### The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Recessional Hymn

#419 'Let All Creation Bless the Lord'

Postlude: Christ lag in Todesbanden – J. S. Bach

## Rector's Message

In the resurrection of Christ, light dispels darkness and drives away all fear. The disciples are called to enter into a new relationship with the risen Christ. They can no longer cling to the earthly Jesus, but must slowly discover who Christ is as their Lord and Saviour. This process will demand great faith and a willingness to journey forward willing to discover all that God has in store for them. So too, as individual Christians, as a parish, diocese and church, we are being led into the future by the risen Lord.

Easter is a day like no other. It is a day when we proclaim God's abundant and generous love in raising Christ Jesus, from the dead. It is the day when we are most clear about who we are as his followers and about our mission on behalf of the Kingdom to bring Good News to everyone.

This is the day when everything is made new again. Today we celebrate and give thanks to God for creating us anew by raising up his Son from the dead for the life of the world.

This is the day when we are sprinkled with the water of new life as we renew our baptismal Covenant and pledge again to be the people God wants us to be.

This is the day when we take our place with all those who have gone before us and proclaim that Jesus brings new life to those who have died, forgiveness to all who sin and good news to our troubled world. This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and give thanks! Alleluia!

My wife, Holly and I extend a very happy and blessed Easter to you and to your families.

*Michael+*

## NOTICES

### FLEA MARKET

St. John's ACW will be holding a Flea Market, with canteen and bake table on Saturday, June 17th. Any donations of good quality items would be greatly appreciated. It is requested there be no large appliances, furniture or clothing donated.

## CHURCH SUMMER TOUR GUIDE POSITIONS 2017

We are accepting resumes for Heritage Interpretive Summer Tour Guides. One position begins mid May and the others late June. Candidates must be students returning to full time studies in the fall of 2017. Applicant should be outgoing, enthusiastic, team player, and self starter with excellent communication skills. A keen interest in history and the ability to speak French and/or German would be considered an asset. Duties will include providing tours of the church, assisting with special events and acting as an ambassador for St. John's and the Town of Lunenburg. Please submit cover letter and resume to St. John's Anglican Church, PO Box 238, Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0 or email [stjohnslunenburg@bellaliant.com](mailto:stjohnslunenburg@bellaliant.com)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- There will be no Sunday School or Nursery on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. This will allow families to attend service together.
- There will be no Sunday School or Nursery on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Instead there will be a Pool Party at EmOcean at 10:30am for families of the Sunday School. Students may bring a friend. Please bring a swimming cap and towel.

### Music Announcement:

Musique Royale, in collaboration with the Nova Scotia Choral Federation, is pleased to present Juvenata, a Choir Project consisting of choirs and individual singers from across Nova Scotia grades 7-12, lead by Guest Conductor Scott Leithead with Special Guest Nelson Nagenda. Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 7:30 PM St. John's Anglican Church Lunenburg \$20 (\$15 before April 15) Available from Musique Royale 634-9994, email: [musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com](mailto:musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com), at Shop on the Corner in Lunenburg, and at the door. Student tickets are \$10, available at the door only.

Community Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. followed by refreshments at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Blue Rocks.

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