



Dear parishioners and visitors, welcome to St. John's as we gather to worship and praise God in prayer. We hold each other and the world in our prayers.

In today's post resurrection Gospel, we meet two disciples walking down a road discussing all that has happened to them and to their Lord this past while. Their journey takes

on a whole new meaning as Jesus comes alongside them. At first, they don't recognize him, perhaps they were so preoccupied with their worries? As they walk along, Jesus teaches them and helps them understand the meaning of his death and resurrection. Their eyes and minds are opened, as Jesus invites them to share a sacred meal and breaks holy bread with them.

We are gathered around the Lord's table to share in his holy bread and to partake of his sacred cup. Let us pray for one another as we walk the journey of life, that we may recognize Christ walking along with us every step of the journey. In recognizing the Lord with us, may we grow in a deeper understanding of our life and the call to share Christ's risen presence and Good News to all we meet along the journey.

Have a wonderful week.

Father 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 who ever 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 Susan MacMillan, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Ben Smith

10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Ann Perry; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Haigh & Barbara Carthew

NEXT SUNDAY May 7TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Heather Hyson, Kevin Skinner; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Ed Jordan

10:30am Holly Mitchell, Mary Meisner

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Hazel OLiver

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude:

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #214 'The Lamb's High Banquet Called to Share'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community may pray silently. The celebrant then says the collect.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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 ACTS

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ACTS 2: 14A, 36-41

PSALM 16 REFRAIN I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;

I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." R

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. R

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. R

Hymn #220 'Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen'

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I PETER 1:17-23



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to

each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:13-35

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Michael

The Nicene Creed Let us confess our faith, as we say,
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the + resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Nandyal - (South India) The Rt Revd Eggoni Pushpalalitha.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Holy Trinity Emmanuel, Dartmouth, Rev Kees Zwanenburg; Holy Spirit, Dartmouth, Rev Edwin Ebsary and Monica; St. Alban's, Woodside, Rev Frances Drolet-Smith and Paul Smith; St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, Rev Robert Richmond and Narda Carmona, Rev Canon Ed Fiander, Honorary Assistant, and Carol, Rev Bert Chestnut, Associate Parish Priest [on leave].
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and Rev'd Rick Pryce and Deborah.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tallship - Picton Castle.

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.
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 #212 'Alleluia! The Strife is O'er'

We welcome our children and teachers from Sunday School as they join the community for the Eucharist. 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

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer S I

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. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his command, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe upon these gifts.

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 forever. People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the joy of Easter, let us pray in Christ's name:

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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.
Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

Communion Hymn #74 'For the Bread Which You Have Broken'; #85 'Shepherd of Souls'

Announcements

Prayer after Communion

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

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us in the days ahead, that we may rise to new life in God's grace. Amen.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn #44 'Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower'

Postlude:

NOTICES

Sunday School Notice

If you have your 40 Items for Lent collection, please drop them off in the Sunday School tomorrow at the parish hall.

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

EVENSONG IN BLANDFORD!

On Sunday, May 7 at 3 pm, St. John's Chancel Choir will participate in Evensong at St. Barnabas Church in Blandford. Members of St. John's parish are warmly invited to attend. An informal reception will follow after the service at the Blandford Community centre.

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

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.



A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell is like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell." They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves." When Jesus died on the cross he was thinking of you!

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