



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.*

Welcome, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter, commonly called Good Shepherd Sunday. Today we welcome our former Rector and Bishop, who is now Primate of All Canada, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz. We also welcome Father Rick Pryce and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church. This year marks our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation; the chosen theme is "Liberated by God's Grace".

The Parish Wardens and members of Parish Council invite us to pray for Father Michael and his wife Holly. This week Father Michael has had a brain scan and has been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

As we continue our Easter journey we see Jesus as our Good Shepherd and we have an opportunity today and the rest of the Church Year of Grace to reflect on His unfailing love for us and how He wants us to love one another. The loveliest image we have of our Lord and Saviour is that of the Good Shepherd. It is a familiar image today in the land of the Holy One (Arab and Jew) as it was some two thousand years ago. It is an image Jesus used for himself (John 10: 1-28). How well do we trust the Good Shepherd? How closely do we follow the Good Shepherd? On our journey of faith Jesus asks us to love one another. Father Alvin+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Kevin Skinner
 Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffat, Ed Jordan
10:30am Mary Meisner, Heather Eisenhauer; Server: Aisling Curtin
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Hazel Oliver

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 14th
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Roger Demone
 Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Laura Roblee
10:30 am Rosemary Smith, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Hazel Oliver

The Holy Eucharist

in Traditional Language

Sung Setting by John Merbecke, #677ff, found in Common Praise

Prelude: Ere Yet the Dawn - Buxtehude

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #378 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'

Welcome - Father Alvin/Pastor Rick

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.

All Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Sung) # 677 CP

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws
in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie Eleison # 678 CP

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis # 679 CP

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.

O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only,

O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

The Collect of the Day

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

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the
eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your
will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon
everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the
apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common;
they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds
to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in
the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and
generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.
And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being
saved.

ACTS 2:42-47

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. R

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. R PSALM 23

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I PETER 2:19-25

Gospel Hymn #508 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say'

The Gospel The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN Rev. Rick Pryce

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

JOHN 10:1-10
The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

Response: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

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

#491 'The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns'

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

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And with thy Spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

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. But chiefly we are bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Pascal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

All # 683 CP

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.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, 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. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; 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 Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And

we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in 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

With Jesus our Lord let us pray to our Father in heaven,

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:

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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body
And our souls washed through His most precious 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.

The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.
The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, Amen.

*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.

All Who Hunger (tune Holy Manna)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Choir Anthem after Communion: A Clare Benediction - Rutter

Prayer after Communion

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

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by
the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and
one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen
Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant 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 peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the love and peace of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace and let your light shine as you serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #520 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'

Postlude: Jesus Christ, Our Great Redeemer – J. S. Bach

The Worship has Ended. The Service Begins.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Ndokwa - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Obiosa.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of St. Luke's, Dartmouth, Rev Matthew Sponagle and Katie; St. John's, Westphal, Rev David Puxley and Katie. Pray for the University of King's College Encaenia, May 25th, 2017 Cathedral Church of All Saints.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Fr. Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Leader; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

NOTICES

A Service of celebration and thanksgiving for Julia Butler will be held at All Saints Cathedral in Halifax on Saturday, May 27 at 2 pm. Julia was a member of St. John's in recent years and with her husband, Rev. Isaac Butler, were long time members of All Saints in Halifax. Interment will be at St. John's Church in Westphal, the last parish where they actively served together.

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIALS

Please call Mary at the office to place your Memorial for Mother's Day placed in the Sunday bulletin.

SPRING FLEA MARKET



The ACW will be holding a wonderful Spring Flea Market and canteen on Saturday, June 17th. Any donations of good quality items would be appreciated - (no clothing, furniture or large appliances, please); gently used or new items for the silent auction; and home baking, pickles, jams, etc. for the bake table. Your help is greatly appreciated. Mark this date on your calendar to find some treasures and enjoy a great lunch.

Music Announcement:

Musique Royale presents a special concert of new works for choir and organ written and directed by five-time Grammy winning composer Paul Halley on Saturday, May 13, 7:30 pm here at St. John's Church. The 14 pieces on the program, also featuring King's College Chapel Choir, are selected from Halley's extensive output of the last decade and are all new to Nova Scotian audiences. From wedding anthems written for his children to commissions for choirs across North America, these works set beautiful texts – including psalms, and poems by Tennyson, Neruda, Herbert, Manley Hopkins, and Mechthild of Magdeburg – in striking ways. Tickets are \$25 - available at the door and at Shop on the Corner. Students \$10 at the door.

This afternoon at 2 pm, St. John's Chancel Choir is delighted to sing at evensong at St. Barnabas in Blandford. Members of St. John's Parish are warmly invited to attend.

Daily Prayer Booklets are available at the back of the church. A donation of \$2.00 will cover the cost of these books.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY LIST FOR THIS SUNDAY

Nursery...Chasity Spindler...Assistants Nikki Saunders and Laura Eisner
 Grade One...Sherry Skinner...Assistant...Brooke Nodding
 Grade Two...Christina Bower...Assistant...Alex Payne
 Grade Three...Emmi Fraser...Assistant... Wayne Dodge...Rena Demone

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday.

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<p>CHAIR OF PARISH COUNCIL (to be determined) ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR Barbara Butler 902-624-0506 HAND BELLS Sharon Hill 902-634-8781 HONORARY ORGANIST James Aulenbach CHIMER Peter Allen 902-634-4668 TREASURER Dan Sargeant 902-237-9728 ALTAR GUILD Maureen Moffatt, Ann Grandy, Barbara Simonds PASTORAL VISITATION PRAYER & HEALING MIINISTRY Holly Mitchell 902-634-8477 SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT HERITAGE Roger Demone 902-543-5753 MUSIC Jane Ritcey Moore 902-275-4834 PROPERTY Wayne Dodge 902-634-4885 LADIES' GUILD Susan MacMillan 902-634-3019 ACW Barbara Nowe 902-634-4473 ACW CATERING Patty Tanner 543-3474 LAY READERS Roger Demone 543-5753 SERVERS Sheila Morris 902-634-3713</p>	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY Rena Demone 902-634-9644 TOURS Peter Allen 902-634-4668 CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Mary Meisner 902-634-8429 FOOD BANK Laura Roblee 902-521-4823 MEALS ON WHEELS Laura Roblee 902-521-4823, Barbara Simonds 902-634-3319 PLANNED GIVING Jim Eisenhauer 902-634-4713 PWRDF David Penney 902-209-1626 REGIONAL COUNCIL Mary Meisner, Betty Lou Olivier SAFER CHURCH Duncan Crowdis 902-640-2214 SYNOD DELEGATES Holly Mitchell, Mary Wagner CUSTODIAN Paul Woodley 902-212-1890 SEXTON Paul Woodley 212-1890 NEWSLETTER Janice & Brian Kenefick 902-764-2145 WEBSITE Grant Dixon 902-640-2897</p>