



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.*

Today's Holy Gospel story tells us that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Everyone needs a home. In magazines and on television we see images of those who are living in cardboard boxes, living on the streets. We are very rich and blessed to have a roof over our heads.

During the Last Supper Jesus began to talk to the apostles about the fact that he is leaving them. He consoles them with these words, "There are many rooms in my Father's house. I am going to prepare a place for you. I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be also."

This means that we have an eternal home to go to, namely, the Father's house. To die is to go to God, and to go to God is to go home.

Just a note to let you know that Michael is convalescing from his surgery and is now at home in Martin's River getting much needed rest at this time. Please know that your prayers have given much comfort to Michael and Holly. The doctor requests that there be no visits as Michael needs his rest, rest, rest!

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Roger Demone; Sidesperson: Hazel Oliver
 Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Laura Roblee
10:30am Rosemary Smith, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 21ST

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10:30 am Charlene Demone, Kevin Skinner
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The bouquet of flowers in church today is in honour of our Mothers on Mother's Day. As well: Flowers in honour of Ellen Louise Tanner, wife of Captain Fenton and family, Love from Arlene, Statia, Gordon and Alfred.

BAS Eucharist with Holy Baptism Communion Setting Tilley

We welcome into God's family through Holy Baptism, Mason Alexander Boone, son of Justin and Amanda Boone. Mason is the grandson of Bruce and Louise Holdbrook of our parish family.

Prelude: Adoration – Borowski; violinist Bonnie Romkey

Processional Hymn #10 'We the Lord's People'

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.

Officiant There is one body and one spirit.
People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Officiant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. ACTS 7:55-60

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. R

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. R

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth. R

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me." R

You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord. R

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, R

and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. R PSALM 31:1-8

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. I PETER 2:2-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #515 'Thou Art the Way: to Thee Alone'

The Gospel The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
JOHN

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
JOHN 14:1-14

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

Presentation and Examination of Candidate

I present Mason Alexander Boone to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant 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 and sponsors:

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 Mason Alexander, 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.

Leader Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spiritFather Michael; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.....according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. People Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Mason Alexander 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.

The Baptism

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

Mason Alexander, 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.

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.

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 Mason Alexander 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 Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #451 'King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You'

The Prayer over the Gifts Read by celebrant

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Sung) 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.

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, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." 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. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. Amen.

As our saviour taught us, let us 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

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.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Communion Hymns #72 'Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed'
Notturo – Borodin: Violinist Bonnie Romkey

Prayer after Communion

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

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared
in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord. Amen.

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ.

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

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

Recessional Hymn #551 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

Postlude: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing - Willan

Mother's Day Memorials in Loving Memory of:

Ida Anderson from Hubert and Children
Frances and Janet Hansen from David, Selina and family
Our Mothers and Grandmothers from Jane, Wilfred, Nicholas and
Alexandra
Barbara Daurie from the family
Evelyn Savory from daughter Carolyn
Our Mother, Isabel May from the family
Elsie Hyson from son, Oran, Heather and family
Our Mothers from Ann and John Perry
Jean E. Stoddard and Margaret Demone from Karen, Brian and family
Jean E. Stoddard from daughter Betty, Bob and family
Marjorie Romkey from Harold and family
Ruth Ramey and Ann Westgate from Cathy and Alvin
Our Mothers from Blake and Dale

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK

Nursery ...Rena Demone...Assistants..Nikki Saunders, Laura Eisner
Grade One...Sherry Skinner...Assistant..Sebastian Haumering
Grade Two...Christina Bower...Assistant...Alex Payne
Upper Class...Emmi Fraser...Assistant...Wayne Dodge

Birthday wishes are extended to Hazel Oliver who
turns 91 years old today. Imagine to celebrate a
birthday on Mother's Day. How very special.
Happy Birthday Hazel!



Please remember to bring your donations to the Parish Hall for the ACW
Flea Market slated for June 17th - no clothing, large appliances or furniture.

Happy Mother's Day!
Have a blessed week and we look forward
to welcoming you back next Sunday.