



“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance.”

Welcome to this morning's service, as we gather around the altar to feast on the Word and Sacrament. To love Jesus is to listen to His words and with the help of the Holy Spirit, put these words into practice in our lives daily.

In the Holy Gospel, for this morning, Jesus says to us what He said to His apostles, “If you love me, keep my commandments.” We cannot truly be a follower of Jesus if we do not listen to His words and then make an effort to live by them. He knows that we will fail but He is always there to help us try again. His words are a lamp for our steps and a light for the path we walk. Jesus' words are words of eternal life.

As Father Michael awaits the call to go back to Halifax for a consult with his medical team, he asked me to say thank you for your prayers and kindness. Again the precaution is to allow him to Rest! Rest! Father is a people person, thus it is hard for him to tell people to stay away; however this is what the medical team have requested.

In time there will be an opportunity for home visits. At this time, cards, prayers and food is a great way to show our love and kindness. Blessings to you and have a wonderful week. *Alvin+*

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Kevin Skinner
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Susan Foote
10:30am Blake Starratt, Margaret Shirley
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Mary King, Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 28TH
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Christina Pottie
10:30 am Hazel Oliver, Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Mary King, Audrey Morgan

Flowers placed in church today are In Loving Memory of D. Andrew Eisenhauer from his family.

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Tilley

Prelude: Sonata No. 1 for Trombone and Piano

Wendell Eisener – trombone

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Hymn #205 'The Day of Resurrection'

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
May his grace and peace be with you.
All May he fill our hearts with joy.

Allmighty 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.

Time with Children

The Collect of the Day

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them

an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." ACTS 17:22-31
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. R
For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. R

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats. Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me; But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me. R

PSALM 66:7-18

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering

should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. I PETER 3:13-22
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession #375 'At the Name of Jesus'

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." JOHN 14:15-21
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Fr. Alvin Westgate

The Apostles Creed Let us confess our faith, as we say,
I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. 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 Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike.
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax, The Very Rev Paul Smith, Dean, and Frances, Rev Heather MacEachern, Deacon, and Blair, Rev Ray Carter, Deacon, and Heather, Rev Dr. Helen Ryding, Assistant Priest, and David Lyttle; Rev Dr. Davena Davis, Honorary Assistant, Rev Ronald Harris, Honorary Assistant, and Gwyneth, Rev Canon Fred Krieger, Honorary Assistant, and Janet, Rev Canon John Smith, Honorary Assistant, Rev John Swain, Honorary Assistant, Rev Keirsten Wells, Honorary Assistant, and Tony Barresi.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - 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.

Most merciful God,
All 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.

Choir Anthem: 'Look at the World' - Rutter

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn # 645 'Come Down O Love Divine'

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 glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. 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

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, Almighty God and Father, Through Jesus Christ your Son. Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth. Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation. Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

(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.
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.
(Said) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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, 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 for ever.
(Sung) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:
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:

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

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion,
The gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

The Communion

(Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

The celebrant and people receive communion.
The body of Christ (given for you).
The blood of Christ (shed for you). Amen.

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, silence may be kept.
Communion Hymn #66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Prayer after Communion

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

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from
death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened
to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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

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 to love and serve the Lord
in the Sacred Circle of Creation. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God, the giver of life. Alleluia.

Recessional Hymn #425 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee'

Postlude: Postlude in C – Smart

The Worship has Ended. The Service Begins.

HERITAGE FAITH VISION

A Parish barn was built in 1868. It was paid for by a tax levied on pew holders. Those having large pews were taxed one dollar and fifty cents, small pews, one dollar and gallery pews fifty cents. Our story will continue.

NOTICES

NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Many of you have been offering prayers for Michael and Holly. As well food is being prepared and sent to their home. Their days have been busy and the meals have been helpful, making it one less thing for them to worry about. They are both so very grateful for all the love and support.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Sunday, May 28th marks the end of the term for the teachers and students who have gathered each Sunday, beginning in the fall of 2016. This year the children will gather for story time, then go to the Parish Hall. When our worship service ends, we will all gather outside the church doors for ice cream, cake, and juice. After this time of fellowship, the children will return to the church for the presentation of Certificates. Then there will be a Scavenger Hunt, trying to find certain items in the church, which we see each Sunday and to learn a bit of our church's history.

The Parish Wardens and Parish Council take this opportunity to say 'thank you' for the commitment and dedication of our students and their teachers. Hope you can join us next Sunday for this celebration.

SPRING FLEA MARKET



The ACW will be holding a 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.

Congregational Gathering/Meeting.
 Thursday, May 25: 5:00 for 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall. A 'brief' opportunity to say hello - to welcome back our snowbirds - and to learn of and discuss any parish updates. See you then!

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

A CALL TO PRAY

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called the membership of the Anglican community to pray together. The theme for the 11 days of prayer is "Thy Kingdom Come". This is one of the petitions of the "Our Father", the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

The Archbishop has chosen the time between The Ascension of Our Lord (May 25) to The Feast of Pentecost (June 4). In the Church Year of Grace this marks Christ's return to the Father (Ascension) and the sending of the Paraclete/Advocate or The Holy Spirit.

It has been a time through the ages when the church has prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.



Church Humour

Show and Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class. The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM THIS WEEK

Nursery....Missy Romkey...Assistant...Laura Eisner
 Grade One ... Sherry Skinner...Assistant...Nikki Saunders
 Grade Two...Lori Nickerson...Assistant Alex Payne
 Upper Class... Emmi Fraser...Assistant... Christina Pottie

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