

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: 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.*

The Ascension of Jesus, which the Church observed on May 25th, is the climax of His victory over sin and death. Jesus wants us to share in His victory. It is important to realize that He has not left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

After the Ascension of Jesus, the apostles went back to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. There they 'joined in continuous prayer' as they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter, the Paraclete.

Today as we gather in this sacred space we are awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. We cannot live the life of a Christian without The Holy Spirit. Father, your Spirit is to us: what rain is to dry ground; what wind is to a sailboat; and what warmth is to a cold place.

Holy Father, defend us with your grace and daily increase in your Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a one shot deal, but a daily, life long growth in God's grace and mercy.

Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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

10:30am Aisling Curtin, Hazel Oliver

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Debbie Chapman, Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

10:30 am Roger Demone, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Laura Roblee

10:30 am Judy McPherson, John Collins

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann & John Perry

IN LOVING MEMORY

*This edition of the Bulletin
is in Loving Memory of
Jeffrey Lilly
from his Mother.*



The Holy Eucharist

Music Setting: Missa Nova in C - Tilley

Prelude: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise - Archer

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #247 'Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise'

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 the Children

The Collect

Let us pray that the risen Son may always be with us through his Spirit.

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; 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

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

ACTS 1:6-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Exalt him who rides upon the heavens.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. R

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him! R

Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places. R

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. R

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary. Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord. He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies. How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God! R PSALM 68:1-10

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are

reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-1

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #405 'Alleluia No. 1'

The Gospel

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

JOHN 17:1-11

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

Sermon

Fr. Alvin Westgate

The Nicene Creed Let us confess our faith, as we say,

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light;
very God, of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I 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: Come, Holy Spirit.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome Nike - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Evans Jonathan Ibeagha.
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. James', Armdale, Rev Rachael Parker and Robert; St. George's, Halifax, Rev Canon James Purchase, Priest-in-Charge, Rev Christopher Snook and Barb [On Leave]; St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax, Rev Canon Charles Bull and Michelle.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev. Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Class Afloat - Gulden Leeuw (Golden Lion);
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver;
Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.
Prayer Partners: Please keep our overseas Prayer Partners at St Eadburghas and Peter Satterthwaite in your prayers.

The Peace All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you. We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

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.

Offertory Hymn #245 'O Lord Most High, Eternal King'

The Prayer over the Gifts Read by celebrant

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 the Ascension

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord lives in the glory of the Father; there he pleads for 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.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
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.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

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 peace.

The celebrant and people receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you).
The blood of Christ (shed for you). The communicant responds, Amen.

This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished

Communion Hymn #84 'Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour'

Communion Anthem: 'A New Commandment' - Shepherd

Prayer after Communion

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

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one
with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ, the risen and ascended 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

May the ascended Lord advocate and comfort us all the days ahead.
May the blessing of God Almighty, Father + Son, and
Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

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

Recessional Hymn #379 'Rejoice, the Lord is King'

Postlude: Today God's Only Gotten Son – J.S. Bach

HERITAGE FAITH VISION

Major changes begun in 1871 opened up the flat plaster ceiling, gutted the interior and windows were removed. The empty building was dragged by ox teams about 25 feet to the west to make room for the addition of a chancel and sanctuary, as well as, extending the nave by 10 feet. Our story will continue.

NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLOSING

Today is the closing of Sunday School until the opening again in September. We would like to express our thanks to Rena Demone and her wonderful team who have worked tirelessly with the children.

A time of fellowship is planned after worship today on the Church Parade for a time of fellowship with juice, cake and ice cream. Please plan to join us.

JUNE 4th - Pentecost and our Patronal Festival! Congregational BBQ following the 10:30 a.m. service to celebrate! Wear red!

SPRING FLEA MARKET

The ACW will be holding a Spring Flea Market and canteen on Saturday, June 17th from 10 am to 1 pm to raise funds to support the ministry of the church. They are looking for donations of nice items for the flea market - 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 of chowder, chicken burgers and home made desserts!!

A Gospel Concert featuring Gospel Artists "Saved by Grace" from Fredericton, NB will be held Sunday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Baptist Chapel, Lunenburg. Free Will Offering.

Have a wonderful week!

HUMOUR

AN ATHEIST IN THE WOODS

An atheist was walking through the woods. 'What majestic trees!' 'What powerful rivers!' 'What beautiful animals!' He said to himself.

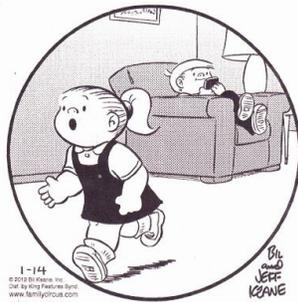
As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again, & the bear was even closer. He tripped & fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw & raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant the Atheist cried out, 'Oh my God!' Time Stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. 'You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident.' 'Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?' The atheist looked directly into the light, 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian?' 'Very Well,' said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke: 'Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen.'

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"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"
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