

Welcome to our celebration of Holy Eucharist this morning. As we begin the summer season we welcome those who are travelling or visiting and have come to join us in worship today.

In the Holy Gospel story for today, we as followers/disciples of Jesus are exhorted to be His witnesses. Jesus knows that His followers will be fearful and need assistance. He provides us with His spirit and says to us, "Do not be afraid." We often lack the courage to be His witnesses, thus we bring our fears to Him and ask for His help; Lord, give us strength when we are weak,

Lord, give us courage when we are afraid, Lord give us a new heart when we fail.

With trust in God, Jesus encourages us to move beyond fear to witness for Him. *Father Alvin+*



Flowers placed in church this morning are In Loving Memory of June D. Tanner given by Carolyn, Rick, Pam, Cathy and Beth.

# 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 pray and to all who do not, but ought,  
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 Velvet Eliuk  
10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Velvet Eliuk; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin  
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Susan Foote  
10:30am Haigh Carthew, Lillian Keeping  
Sidespersons: Fred Rhineland, Mary King  
Hostesses: Hazel Oliver, Rosemary Smith

### NEXT SUNDAY JULY 2ND

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Susan MacMillan  
Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Laura Roblee  
10:30am Rose Conrad, Heather Eisenhauer  
Sidespersons: Carrie and Audrey Skinner  
Hostesses: Carrie and Audrey Skinner; Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

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St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

# The Holy Eucharist

Music Setting: Missa Nova in C - Tilley

Prelude: Ein' Feste Burg - Buxtehude

## The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #318 'Rejoice Today with One Accord'

### GREETING

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

All Almighty God,  
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.

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us  
to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons  
and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

# The Proclamation of the Word

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

The baby grew and was weaned. Abraham threw a big party on the day Isaac was weaned. One day Sarah saw the son that Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham, poking fun at her son Isaac. She told Abraham, "Get rid of this slave woman and her son. No child of this slave is going to share inheritance with my son Isaac!"

The matter gave great pain to Abraham—after all, Ishmael was his son. But God spoke to Abraham, "Don't feel badly about the boy and your maid. Do whatever Sarah tells you. Your descendants will come through Isaac. Regarding your maid's son, be assured that I'll also develop a great nation from him—he's your son, too."

Abraham got up early the next morning, got some food together and a canteen of water for Hagar, put them on her back and sent her away with the child. She wandered off into the desert of Beersheba. When the water was gone, she left the child under a shrub and went off, fifty yards or so. She said, "I can't watch my son die." As she sat, she broke into sobs.

Meanwhile, God heard the boy crying. The angel of God called from Heaven to Hagar, "What's wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy and knows the fix he's in. Up now; go get the boy. Hold him tight. I'm going to make of him a great nation."

Just then God opened her eyes. She looked. She saw a well of water. She went to it and filled her canteen and gave the boy a long, cool drink. God was on the boy's side as he grew up. He lived out in the desert and became a skilled archer. He lived in the Paran wilderness. And his mother got him a wife from Egypt.

GENESIS 21:8-21

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## PSALM REFRAIN Turn to me; save the child of your handmaid.

Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery. Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in you. R

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you. R

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me. R

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works. All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name. For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God. R

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me. R

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:1B-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Procession #328 'Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore'

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
Jesus said, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother

more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

MATTHEW 10:24-39

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

#### Reflection

##### The Creed

Together with Christians all over the world, we join in professing our Baptismal 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

Refrain: Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Nyahururu - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kabora. Nyahururu - Maralal Area - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Jacob Lesuada.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Retired Clergy of the Chebucto Region.

Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion. Continue your

prayers for Father Michael Mitchell and Holly.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;

Clearwater - Fundy Leader.

#### Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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.

The Peace All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

### Offertory Hymn #501 'Through All the Changing Scenes of Life'

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

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest (2 x)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest (2 x)

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 Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. Amen. (Sung)

#### The Lord's Prayer

With Jesus our Lord, we pray to the Father that we may always do his will.

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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### The Communion

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins, the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins, the sins of the world  
Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins, the sins of the world  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

The celebrant and people receive communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

The communicant responds each time, Amen.

*You are most welcome to the Lord's table  
if you wish to be nourished  
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

(Please join the choir in singing the Communion Hymns)

Communion Hymns #73 'One Bread, One Body';

#74 'For the Bread Which You Have Broken'

#### Prayer After Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share  
in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through  
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

Do not be afraid, for the Father loves us.

Do not be afraid, for Christ walks by our side.

Do not be afraid, for the Holy Spirit will give us courage.

Do not be afraid, for we are in God's hands.

Go and face life and bear witness to God's love with the blessing of  
almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional Hymn #529 'God, My Hope on You is Founded'

Postlude: Ein' Feste Burg – Pachelbel

#### NOTICES

Holy Eucharist will be held here at St. John's on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
at 2pm for the residents of Harbour View Haven. Everyone is  
welcome to join us for worship as well as a cup of tea after the  
service.

#### Music Announcements:

'Wednesdays at Noon', a series of mini recitals with noted musical  
guests, begins on Wednesday, June 28 at noon and continues each  
Wednesday until August 30 here at St. John's Church. Opening the  
summer series are well known Nova Scotian musicians, guitarist Scott  
Macmillan and Cape Breton fiddler Colin Grant, recent winners for best  
traditional instrumental recording at the East Coast Music Awards.

Scott Macmillan has a passion for creating music, propelling him forward to a new composition, arrangement, commission, collaboration, performance, musical directing live or in the studio, conducting, teaching, or as a clinician. Driven by his need to be creative Macmillan seeks opportunities in all aspects of music making. In 2014 Scott was the recipient of Nova Scotia's top Artist Prize, the Portia White Prize, and recognized for his contributions to Nova Scotia cultural life that have become known both nationally and internationally for over 40 years. Colin Grant's fiddle playing has stepped to the forefront of the East Coast traditional music scene but he is comfortable in a variety of traditional styles. Colin currently performs with contemporary Celtic instrumental group Sprag Session, performing at festivals in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, France, Belgium, and Tasmania.

Each musical presentation in the 'Wednesdays at Noon' Series is a half hour in length. The public is cordially invited to attend. Free will offering only in support of St. John's music program.

Musique Royale is pleased to present the Celtic Mass for the Sea on Sunday, July 2 at 4 pm here at St. John's Church, a special celebration on Canada Day weekend. Commissioned by the CBC in 1988, the 'Celtic Mass for the Sea' has become a contemporary choral classic. It has been performed numerous times since then in Canada, the US and Europe, capturing a cheering standing ovation at Carnegie Hall in New York in 2002 and enthusiastically received by audiences in the UK and Germany. This mass is a unique celebration of the sea's majesty, ferocity and vitality, with words and music based on Celtic themes. Composed by Scott Macmillan, with libretto by Jennyfer Brickenden, it is a powerfully imagined work for chorus, strings, and Celtic instrumental quintet. Tickets are \$30 for general (\$10 for students at the door). Tickets are available at Shop on the Corner in Lunenburg and by reservation from the Musique Royale Box Office at 902-634-9994 or [musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com](mailto:musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com) and at the door.

On Wednesday, July 19 we will be honoured to welcome Dr. Roberta Bondar to Lunenburg in a performance with the Elmer Iseler Singers at 7:30 pm here at St. John's. Dr. Bondar was the first Canadian woman and the first neurologist to travel into space. High Flight: Songs of the Stars is a multi-media choral performance of sonic splendour combined with captivating photographs and images of space, highlighting music of the spheres by various well known Canadian composers as well as the performance of a work by Lydia Adams, with text by Dr. Roberta Bondar describing her experience of leaving Earth and coming back once again to its sublime beauty. Dr. Bondar will speak at the event about the search in the stars for new possibilities for life on other planets. Tickets are \$30 for general (\$10 for students at the door). Tickets are available at Shop on the Corner in Lunenburg and by reservation from the MR Box Office at 902-634-9994 or [musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com](mailto:musiqueroyale1985@gmail.com) and at the door.

Prayer of Trust by Charles de Foucauld  
 God, I entrust myself to you.  
 Do with me what you want.  
 Whatever you wish to do with me, I thank you.  
 I am ready for everything, I accept everything.  
 Provided your will be done in me and in all your creatures, I desire nothing else, my God. I place my soul into your hands, I give it to you, my God, with all the love of my heart, because I love you, because it is to me a demand of love to give myself, to commit myself to you without reserve, with an unlimited trust, for you are my Father.

**HERITAGE FAITH VISION**

Joshua Wingate Weeks born 1802 in Weymouth, N.S. served in Lunenburg as Missionary beginning in 1827 when his name appears in the Registers, signed as, Deacon. He was priested in 1829 and signed as Priest Assistant. He was serving as Missionary for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New Dublin. He died in 1852 and buried 27 May 1852 in the Churchyard in Lunenburg. His tombstone is in Hillcrest Cemetery. Our story will continue.

**CHURCH HUMOUR**

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps, "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said "The pastor is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No." he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No." she said. "Good," he answered.