



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.*

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St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1793

Father Alvin's Message



Welcome parishioners and visitors to The Church of Saint John this morning.

We are in God's house, God is our host, and we are his guests. George Herbert, a priest in The Church of England and a poet, 1593-1633, in his poem "Love" expresses the act of welcome and hospitality very clearly.

Father Alvin+

LOVE

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd anything.

'A guest', I answer'd, 'worthy to be here.'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.'
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth Lord; but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black; 10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Laura Roblee

10:30am Kevin Skinner, Bruce Holdbrook, Server: Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner

Hostesses: Carrie & Audrey Skinner

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 9TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black; 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Carolyn Hogg

10:30am Sharon Green, Ann Grandy; Server: Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Carrie & Audrey Skinner

Hostesses: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

The Holy Eucharist

The communion setting is taken from 'Lift Every Voice and Sing',
an African American Hymnal

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: from French Suite No. 2 – J.S. Bach

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Hymn #359 'This Is the Day'

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, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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 the Father
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
Amen Music by Carl Haywood – from 'Mass for Grace'

The Collect of the Day Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love
fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our
mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as
ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him,
"Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only
son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there
as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So
Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his
young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt
offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had
shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far
away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey;
the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come
back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on
his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of
them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And
he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but
where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will
provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked
on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him,
Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son
Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached
out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord
called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said,
"Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to
him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your
son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram,
caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and
offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that
place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the
Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GENESIS 22:1-14

PSALM 13

Refrain: I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? how long will you
hide your face from me? How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and
grief in my heart, day after day? how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

R

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. R

But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High. R

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 6:12-23
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession #312 'Sing a New Song Unto the Lord'

The Gospel

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, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." MATTHEW 10:40-42

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

REFLECTION

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We 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: Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ohio - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Hollingsworth.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Beaver Bank, Rev Cathy Lee Cunningham; Church of the Holy Spirit, Mt. Uniacke, Rev Nicholas Hatt; All Saints, Bedford, Rev Trevor Lightfoot, and Jen, Rev Arthur Cuzner, Honorary Assistant.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Central United Church and the Rev'd Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry. Please continue your prayers for Father Michael Mitchell and Holly.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Joides Resolution.

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.

All 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 ' Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation'

Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation (repeat)

Drank of the blood, held the body

Lord I have seen, seen with my eyes, seen with my heart

Refrain: Fell on my knees, down at the altar, bowed down my head,
whispered a prayer

Have mercy Lord, I'm not worthy, I believe, yes, I believe, now I am sure.

Lord I have heard of thy kingdom, Lord I have heard of thy promise

Looked on thy birth, cried at Calv'ry

Lord I have heard (repeat 2 x). Refrain

Choir Anthem: Song for Canada – Paul Halley

Sing! Sing a new song, Sing loud and strong,

Sing of this land of our hopes and our dreams.

Rich harmonies Of races and creeds

Join in the chorus from sea unto sea:

Where the whale's ancient lullaby
Meets the song of the wind in the whisp'ring pines,
All our voices come together, always singing,
"Land of tomorrow, your time has come."

Oui-Qu'un nouveau chant, Dise a present
Un voeu d'accord qui doit remplir nos coeurs.
Peuples divers Touchant les deux mers,
Heureux voisins, ne formez qu'un seui Choeur
Pour melanger tous vos accents
Aux refrains des cognees dansant sous les vents.
Que nos voix ensemble chantent et rechantent,
"Qui - Bel aujourd'hui, Vois mon pays."

Sing! Sing of new birth, Sing of the earth,
Sing of great mountains that reach for the sky.
Proud cities swell, Vast plains do tell
Of the promise and hope for the future that lies
In the loon's timeless melody,
In the cry of an eagle that's soaring free.
All our voices come together, singing,
"Land of tomorrow, your time has come."

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

God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy (repeat)
Holy, Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest (repeat)
Music by Grayson Warren Brown from 'A Mass for a Soulful People'

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In thanksgiving for our daily bread we pray to God our Father, saying:
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 and may say,
The gifts of God for the People of God.
People 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
Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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.

Anthem during Communion: Summa - Arvo Pärt
Guest Musicians – Janelle Lucyk, Jen Hall, Simon Blake, Henk Fisher

Prayer After Communion

God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. Amen.
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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

May the blessing of the Triune God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #505 'Be Thou My Vision'

Postlude: Tuba Tune – C.S. Lang

HERITAGE FAITH VISION - Curate

Walter Ernest Gilbert, born 1874, Southampton, Ontario was one of 10 children. He attended the University of Toronto where he earned a BA in 1904 and then studied at Wycliffe College, Toronto in 1904-1905. Ordained by Bishop Worrell at St. Luke's, Halifax on 19 June 1905, he arrived in Lunenburg on 20 June 1905 and began his curacy. He boarded in town at "a splendid boarding house, the price of \$4/week". We have extracts from some of his letters to his fiancée and from there we learn he enjoyed swimming and rowing on the back harbour. He left here after one year and went to Vermillion, Alberta where he built a number of outlying missions. He left Alberta for Vancouver area and served there until his death in 1951. He married and had 4 children, two of whom became ordained Anglican clergy. Our story will continue.

NOTICES

BAPTISM will be held Sunday, August 6th at the 10:30 am service. Please contact the Parish Office at 634-4994 or stjohnslunenburg@bellaliant.com if you are interested in having a child or adult baptised.

Music Announcements:

Today at 4 pm here at St. John's Musique Royale is pleased to present the Celtic Mass for the Sea, a special celebration for 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) and are available at the door.

Wednesdays at Noon', a series of mini recitals with noted musical guests, continues on Wednesday, July 5 at noon. This week St. John's is host to the German Band from the Tattoo.

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 and at the door.

The Lunenburg Folk Harbour Society is seeking volunteers to billet performers during the Festival this year from August 10th to 13th. Billeters offer a bed and breakfast for their guests and in return, receive a weekend pass to the Festival. If you feel you can help, please contact: Ruth Anne Whicher, Chair Performer Services 902-640-2246 or Cell: 902-523-0776 or Barbara Olivella, Billeting 902-640-2172 or 902-514-0219.

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