

# 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.*

Heritage  Faith  Vision

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

### TARES Look IDENTICAL To WHEAT



WHEAT: before it is fully ripe. TARES: Lolium Temulentum

### Father Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John. As we gather this morning, we hear God speaking to us in the Sacred Scriptures which are read to us.

From the Gospel story, we are reminded that we are not saints, but sinners who know that we are sinners

and are willing to strive for something better.

God is compassionate and patient with us. His judgement is righteous. God is good and forgiving who is full of love to all who call upon him. God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity.

God has shown us the path to walk. Since God is compassionate, patient, good, forgiving, merciful and gracious, He invites us to show forth these same qualities to those who we meet and encounter, as a friend or family member.

The church is not a museum for saints, rather it is a school for sinners. We are all striving to be better, to become a child of God.

*Alvin*

#### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Roger Demone, Velvet Eliuk

Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Roxie Smith

10:30am Rose Conrad, Rosemary Smith

Sidespersons: Betty Creaser, Elroy Creaser

Hostesses: Lynn Burton, Sam Burton

#### NEXT SUNDAY JULY 30TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Heather Hyson

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30am Robert MacMillan, Mary Meisner

Sidespersons: Lillian Keeping, Howard Keeping

Hostesses: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White



# The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Music for solo flute – Chris Norman

## The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn  
Hymn #434 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'

### 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

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,  
All 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

Merciful and patient God, you let your sun rise on both bad and good and let the rain fall on the just and the wicked alike. Thank you for your patience and your confidence. Change our hearts, give us the time to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus your Son, and dispose us to accept everyone with your own untiring love and trust. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

GENESIS 28:10-19A

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### PSALM REFRAIN Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. R

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R

Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. R

PSALM REFRAIN Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. R

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. R

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts. Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting. R PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ROMANS 8:12-25

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

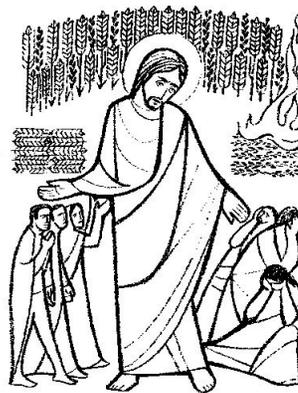
#### Gospel Procession #478 'Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast'

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 put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came



and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He

answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

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

#### Reflection

The Creed Let us join with Christians all over the world in professing our baptismal faith:

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 Osun North East - (Ibadan, Nigeria)  
 The Rt Revd Humphery Olumakaiye.  
 Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Hatchet Lake and Terence Bay, Rev Tammy Hodge, Priest-in-Charge, Rev Jenny Sharp [on leave], Rev Cheryl Rafuse, Deacon; St. John the Evangelist, Sackville, The Right Reverend Sue Moxley, Priest-in-Charge, Rev Norma Mitchell [on leave]; St. Francis by the Lakes, Lower Sackville, Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury and Valerie, Rev Ken Turner, Associate Parish Priest, and Helen, Rev Faye Forbes, Associate Parish Priest, Rev Joan Helpard, Deacon; Parish of Timberlea, Rev Mark Pretty, Rev Marilyn Hamlin, Deacon, and Gordon.  
 Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Norbert's Church and Fr. James MacDonald OMI.  
 Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
 Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Bluenose II.

### 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,  
 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.  
 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 #362 'Tell Out, My Soul'

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

Lord our God, merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ invites to his table the weak with the strong, the proud with the humble. Receive all that we offer, so that by encountering Christ, the weak may become stronger and the good better, through Jesus Christ our 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.

CP #719 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power, God of 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.  
CP #720 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. #721 (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray to the Father in the words of Jesus:

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.  
All Thanks be to God.

### The Communion CP #745

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 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.

*This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table  
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished  
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

(Please join the choir in singing the Communion Hymns)  
Communion Hymns #56 'I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life';  
#75 'With the Body That Was Broken'

### Prayer After Communion

Lord our God, you reveal your strength by being lenient with the weak. We have received your Son Jesus Christ in this Eucharist. Fill us with the power of his Spirit, that we may encourage rather than condemn, be constructive rather than hostile, accept one another rather than reject, work together rather than criticize. In this way may we become more your people among whom Jesus lives, our Lord for ever and ever. 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 surpasses all understanding, keep your minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #63 I 'The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy'

Postlude: Trumpet Minuet – Hollins

## NOTICES

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

There will be a Congregational Beach Party at Bachman's Beach, sponsored by Sunday School on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm. Bring your own picnic and we will provide dessert. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

### Music Announcements:

On Friday, July 28 at 4 pm Barbara Butler hosts an event featuring a quintet from the National Youth Orchestra of Canada at 1199 Oakland Rd. in Mahone Bay. If you would like to attend this event and support the orchestra please contact Barbara at 902-624-0506 or email [barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca). Dinner and performance - \$35, with a partial tax receipt. The full orchestra of 94 of Canada's finest young musicians performs in Halifax on the following Monday, all part of a special cross Canada 150 tour.

Wednesdays at Noon this week features Boxwood Scholarship Recipients. A new series called 'Julia's Music', in memory of Julia Butler, takes place at 1 pm at Harbour View Haven also featuring the Boxwood Scholarship Recipients.

The Boxwood Festival takes place here in Lunenburg from July 23 – 29 with some events here at St. John's. Please visit [www.boxwood.org](http://www.boxwood.org) for further details. Musique Royale presents Chris Norman and colleagues from the Boxwood Festival in the communities of Shelburne, Ste. Anne du Ruisseau, Iona, Tatamagouche, Port Williams and Bridgetown following the Boxwood Festival. Further details at [www.musiqueroyale.com](http://www.musiqueroyale.com)

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## CHURCH HUMOUR

During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the priest with an offer. "Look, I'll give you \$200 if you change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I'm to promise to 'love, honour and obey' and 'forsaking all others, be faithful to her forever', I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that part out." He passed the priest the cash and walked away. On the day of the wedding the bride and groom exchange their vows. When it's time for the groom's vows, the priest looks the young man in the eye and says, "Will you promise to love her always, obey her every command and swear eternally before God and your lovely wife that you will not even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?" The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice, "Yes." The groom leaned toward the priest and said under his breath, "I thought we had a deal." The priest put the \$200 back into his hand and whispered back, "She made me a much better offer."