



Welcome to the Church of Saint John. Each Year on August 6, of the Church Calendar, or on the Second Sunday in Lent, of the Revised Common Lectionary, the Church puts before us the Transfiguration of Jesus. This year the date of August 6 falls on a Sunday and the feast takes precedence over the Sunday. Like the story of Jesus' Baptism, the Transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are a manifestation or a showing forth of Jesus as who he is, The Son of God. Again in both stories there is a voice, this voice declares the same words: This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him. A mountain, in the Sacred Scriptures, is a place of divine Manifestation. The cloud, also found in other stories of the Sacred Scriptures, is a sign of the presence of God. The two figures, from the past, Moses and Elijah, represent the Law and the Prophets. Jesus' face shone and His clothes became dazzling white. We can, also, experience transfiguration. Virtue transfigures us. Sin on the other hand, disfigures us. In the Holy Eucharist service we turn to Jesus for the help we need to transfigure our lives by practising virtue. Only Jesus can change hatred into love, bitterness into forgiveness, and sorrow into joy

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St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone;

Sidespersons: Lillian and Howard Keeping

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Ben Smith

10:30am Judy McPherson, Hazel Olliver; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hostesses: Sheila Hutchinson, Susan MacMillan

NEXT SUNDAY August 13

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Laura Roblee

10:30am Ann Perry, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hostess: Louise Holdbrook; Sidespersons: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

*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.*

We welcome for Holy Baptism, Ella Marie Garrard, daughter of Michael and Gail Garrard; Finley Joshua Rodney Levy, son of Brooke Levy. May God's blessing be upon the families and upon this parish as we welcome these children into God's family this day.

BAS Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Communion Setting Land of Rest

Prelude: Petites Litanies de Jesus - Grovlez

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #451 'King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You'

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

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us
from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from
glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his
throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure
wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A
stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand
thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending
him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I
watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the
clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented
before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all
peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an
everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that
shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Daniel 7 : 9 - 10, 13 - 14

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the
cherubim; let the earth quake! R

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.. R
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! R
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have
executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. R

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! R
Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those
who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. R
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the
statutes that he gave them. R

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings. R

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our
God is holy. R

A READING FROM 2 PETER 1: 16 - 19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #397 'Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness'

The Gospel The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint. Luke
All: Glory be to thee, O Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Saint Luke 9: 28 - 36

The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

I present Ella Marie Garrard / Finley Joshua Rodney Levy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?
Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help your child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks parents and sponsors:
Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? Answer I do.
Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Answer I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? Answer I do.

Question to the congregation,
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? People We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for Ella Marie and Finley Joshua Rodney, in their sacrament of new birth.
Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Open their heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit .. Ava Foot, Emerson Tanner, Cameron Hall, Abigail Cummings, John Dodge, and Father Michael; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ Rachel Kennedy. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus the Christ may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Thanksgiving Over the Water - The celebrant blesses the water.

The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death

and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called Ella and Finley to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify + this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented to the celebrant, who then pours water upon the child saying,

Ella Marie / Findlay Joshua Rodney , I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The sign of the cross is marked on the forehead with Holy Chrism, saying,
I sign you with the cross +, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

The following prayer is said together:

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants
the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them
to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Giving of the Light

The newly baptized is given a candle lit from the Paschal (Christ) Candle.
Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

The people say,

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Ella Marie and Finley Joshua Rodney into our parish family.
We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you. The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #539 'Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of 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. (Sung)
CP#720 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
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 3x) CP #721

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

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Sung) O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymns #63 'Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup'

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. Amen.
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Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All 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 and let your light shine as you serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #564 'Lead Us Heavenly Father, Lead Us'

Postlude: Trumpet Tune – Charpentier