



Welcome to the Church of St. John this morning. This morning Saint Matthew relates to us an incident that took place, in Jesus' earthly life, on the Sea of Galilee. This incident is recorded in all four Gospels.

For the early Christian community and for followers of Jesus, throughout the ages, this story has been very helpful in their daily life. The community in Matthew's day used it as an allegory. The boat represents the

Christian community. The Sea of Galilee, tossed by the winds and waves, represents the persecutions and temptations of life. The incident, also, describes the life of a follower of Jesus. Again the boat represents the early community. The wind and waves of the storm represents the storms of persecution and temptation faced by the apostles, while the incident of Peter walking on the water and sinking represents the doubts, confusion, and faith of the disciples.

This story still has its application for each one of us gathered here this morning. We are in the boat, the Church, and are tossed about with the storms of life, persecution and temptations. Like Peter, we too, have periods of faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' can be directed at us; we too start out courageously and filled with faith, but in the face of a crisis we tend to lose heart.

In times of difficulty we find it natural, like Peter, to cry out to God. But we must learn to turn to God at all times, not just a crisis. We turn to God, our Father, who hears our cries, whose ears are attentive to the voice of our pleadings, and a rock in whom is found mercy and compassion.

Jesus comes to us, like He came to Peter, to calm our fears and bring us peace.

Alvin

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend 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 Kevin Skinner

10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan

10:30am Sharon Green, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hostess: Louise Holdbrook, Sharon Hill

Sidespersons: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Kevin Skinner

Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Susan Foote

10:30am Kevin Skinner, Margaret Shirley; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hosts: Les & Velvet Eliuk; Sidespersons: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

The Holy Eucharist

The Land of Rest

Prelude: Short Piano Works - Schumann

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #607 'Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God'

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, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 GENESIS

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me."

So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it

down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN

The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works. R

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. R

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. R

Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread. He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar. Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him. R

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He set him as master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions, to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah! R PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45C

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ROMANS 10:5-15
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession #330 'O Praise Ye the Lord'

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.



Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." MATTHEW 14:22-33
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The Nicene Creed In unity with all Christians, let us confess our faith

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, 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
Refrain: Lord, hear our prayer.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. James', Kentville, Vacant at time of Printing, Rev Catherine Desloges, Assistant Parish Priest, and Brian; Parish of Brooklyn, Rev Tom Henderson, Priest-in-Charge.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Father Alvin Westgate and his wife, Cathy. Please continue to hold Father Michael Mitchell and his wife, Holly in your prayers.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Joides Resolution;
Tall Ships - Picton Castle, Bluenose II;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector.

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.
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 #384 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'
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

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this Eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name 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

The Lord's Prayer

With Jesus our Lord we pray to our Father in heaven that his kingdom come and that we may 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:

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 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 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.

Communion Hymn #78 'Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness'

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

May Christ be our treasure and joy now and always, and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son and the 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 #371 'To God Be the Glory'

Postlude: Lord God – Pachelbel

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NOTICES

VITAL CHURCH MARITIMES

Once again this year you are encouraged to participate in this Conference. This Year's Theme 'Streams of Hope' is being led by the Rev'd Canon Phil Potter, the Archbishop's (of Canterbury) Missioner and Fresh Expressions Team Leader in the Church of England, September 21-23, Holiday Inn, Truro. Funding for 1/2 of the \$140 early registration (by Aug. 22) cost is available through the Lay Leadership Legacy Fund. Please contact Robert MacMillan, the Healthy Parishes Team (902-420-0717), Vital Church Maritimes 2017 on Facebook, or see the Diocesan Website for more information. (<http://www.nspeidiocese.ca>)

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The public is cordially invited to attend our 'Wednesdays at Noon' Series throughout August. Free will offering only in support of St. John's music program.

- August 16 Janelle Lucyk, soprano and friends
 - August 23 Colin Matthews, cello; Max Kasper, double bass
 - August 30 Mary Knickle Students
- 'Our series called 'Julia's Music' continues at 1 pm at Harbour View Haven.



Musique Royale presents the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra here at St. John's Church on Thursday, August 31st at 7:30 pm. Tickets (\$20) are available at Shop on the Corner and at the door.

CHURCH HUMOUR

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Contact information is below if you need to reach us in the meantime.

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MORE CHURCH HUMOUR

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

- Dentist's Hymn..... Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation
- Tailor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy
- Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
- Politician's Hymn..... Standing On the Promises
- Canada Revenue Agency's Hymn..... I Surrender All