

Welcome to the Church of Saint John. In The Holy Gospel story, for today, we meet a Canaanite woman who had the most extraordinary faith in Jesus, the Christ/Messiah. This faith was rewarded with the cure of her sick daughter. What is most surprising about this story is that not only is the woman a Canaanite she is a non-jew, a gentile. The theme of inclusiveness runs throughout the Sacred Scriptures. Take the great prophet Isaiah, as an example, during his time there were lots of foreigners living in Israel. History does repeat itself. Take a look at Canada and see the number of foreigners who are living here. The questions that arise are timeless.

Do they, the foreigners, receive the benefits that we have in this country. In Sacred Scriptures the question is whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to the foreigners.

Isaiah's response is clear and positive: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The prophets, male and female, are primarily the voice and messengers of God. Thus God is telling us that His house is for all peoples. The Early Church faced a similar problem with regards to the Gentiles. Saint Matthew, writing to the Jewish community, sees Jesus as having broken through the barrier between Jew and Gentile. Even though his own mission was restricted to Israel, Jesus did reach out to Gentiles. This story of the Canaanite woman is on such example. After the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Blessed Lord, the Early Church extended its mission to the Gentiles. Are we a people and a church of Inclusiveness? God of compassion and mercy calls us to be so. *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 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.*

## LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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

## NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 27th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer



10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Carolyn Hogg

10:30am John Collins, Aisling Curtin; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hostesses; Paulette Symes, Viola Green

Sidespersons: Jim and Viola Green

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

# The Holy Eucharist

The Land of Rest

Prelude Music

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #7 'New Every Morning Is the Love'

## 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,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
All 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 have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

GENESIS 45:1-15

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! R

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. R

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. R PSALM 133

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession # '560 God Whose Almighty Word'

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.



Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre

and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MATTHEW 15: 10-28

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

## REFLECTION

The Apostles Creed

United with Christians everywhere, we join in professing our 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.

Diocesan Cycle: Parish of Christ Church, Windsor, Rev. David Curry and Marilyn; Parish of Annapolis, Rev. Tory Byrne, Priest-In-Charge  
Rev. Canon Donald Neish, Honorary Assistant, and Sarah.  
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Fr. James MacDonald, OMI. Please continue to hold Father Michael Mitchell and his wife, Holly in your prayers.  
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;  
Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Tall Ship - Bluenose II

## 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 #343 'When All Thy Mercies, O My God'

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

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs.  
Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. 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 power and 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.

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

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father in heaven.

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 CP# 745

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your 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 #70 'Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts'

### Prayer After Communion

God our Father, in this Eucharist we have tasted our unity in Jesus Christ your Son. He died and rose to life for all; his likeness is reflected in the face of every human being: let it become visible in all. Let his face not be marred or divided by our prejudices and fears; do not allow our love to be less than universal, but unite us all in him who is our common way to you and to one another, 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

In welcoming others, may we welcome Christ and be welcomed by Christ, 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 #345 'King of Glory, King of Peace'

### Postlude Music

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## NOTICES

### ANNUAL FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Fishermen's Memorial Service to honour those who have been lost at sea from Lunenburg County ports will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on the Lunenburg waterfront at 2pm. The Blessing of the Fleet will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

The Student Tour Guides will soon be heading back to university. We are once again looking for volunteers to help out with the Tour Guide Program. Shifts are flexible. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact Jane Ritcey Moore in person or at home 902-275-4834 and leave a message.

## CHURCH HUMOUR



I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. 'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPod.' I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it...

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'



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