

14th Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2017



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.*

Father Alvin's Message



Welcome back to the Church of Saint John. The long summer days are over, the nights are getting cooler, and the trees are beginning to show their bright autumnal colours. These signs also indicate that the yellow buses are back on the road again and the young people are back to school. This morning we start up again our Christian education programme for the autumn of 2017 and the winter of 2018.

Hope you are refreshed and ready to go.

To help us kick off the new teaching season we have invited Alexandra (Allie) Colp to join us this morning. Allie is the one who coordinates all the youth activities for the Diocese. Allie has close ties to our church for it was here that she and William were united in Holy Matrimony on May 06.

The words we hear in today's Holy Gospel story is "Where two or three meet in my name, I will be there with them." This morning we are meeting in The Lord's name. Hence, we are confident that Jesus is in our midst.

With this confidence, that we are united to Jesus, then he will make our lives fruitful for our families, our community and The Church.

Thanks be to God

Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Velvet Eliuk

Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Laura Roblie

10:30am: Hazel Oliver, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin

Hostesses: Dale Little, Blake Starratt

Sidespersons: Denyse & Michael Lee

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer;

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone,

Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Linda MacdDonald

10:30 am Judy McPherson, Heather Hyson

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Denyse & Michael Lee

The Holy Eucharist

Land of Rest

Prelude: Air from D Major Suite - J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn #330 'O Praise Ye the Lord'

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Talk with the youth; Allie Colp

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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 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, 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

Lord God, our Father, your Son Jesus Christ has brought us together
as a community of sinners who know your forgiveness. When our
weaknesses threaten our unity, remind us of our responsibility for one
another. Let your unifying Spirit give us the strength to care for one
another and to do all we can to remain a living, forgiving and welcoming
community in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. EXODUS 12:1-14

PSALM REFRAIN Sing to the Lord a new song.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. R

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. R

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; R

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah! R PSALM 149

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. ROMANS 13:8-14
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #362 'Tell Out, My Soul'

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Reflection Allie Colp

The Apostles Creed Let us confess 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. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

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. Amen.

The Peace All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.
The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

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 Offertory Hymn #497 'Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round'

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

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 that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

CP # 719 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sung)
CP #720 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen. (Sung 3x) CP #721

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for one another and for the world, in Christ's name:

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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
All Give us this bread for ever.
"I am the vine, you are the branches."
All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

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

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 then receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

The Anglican Church of Canada, welcomes to the Lord's table for Holy Communion all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion Hymn: # 66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love;
#494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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 our generous God lead us this day to share forgiveness and to embrace God's healing as we meet Christ in everyone we meet, and may the blessings of Almighty God, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever more. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn # 486 Love Devine, All Loves Excelling
(Tune: Hyfrydol)

Postlude: Trumpet Major – Tambling

Following the Service, you are cordially invited to gather in the Plaza for a time of fellowship and refreshment. This will be our final gathering for the season and we would like to thank all the Hostesses and Hosts for their time preparing for these times of fellowship and the delicious treats they provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome our guest Allie Colp to our service today.

We would like to welcome, our students, teachers and families to the start of the new Christian Education Programme

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Interim contribution statements have been prepared for your record of contributions to Saint John's to date. We are so very grateful for your ongoing support of your Church. Please pick up your envelope this morning at the back of the Church.

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 Today 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 have headed 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.

YARD AND BAKE SALE

A Yard and Bake Sale, St. Barnabas Anglican Church Hall, Blue Rocks, Saturday, Sept. 16th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musique Royale presents the highly acclaimed Toronto Concert on Sunday, September 17 at 7:30 pm here at St. John's. Since its founding in 1972, the Toronto Consort has become internationally recognized for its excellence in the performance of medieval, renaissance and early baroque music. Led by Artistic Director David Fallis, nine of Canada's leading early music specialists have come together to form the Toronto Consort whose members include both singers and instrumentalists (lute, recorder, guitar, flute, early keyboards and percussion). Tickets are \$30 and are available at Shop on the Corner and also at the door. Students are \$10 at the door.

The Chancel Choir potluck and social gathering originally scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 13 at 6 pm has been postponed to Wednesday, Sept 20 at 6 pm. Choir spouses and partners and anyone interested in joining our chancel choir are warmly invited to attend. The event takes place at Barbara's home at 1199 Oakland Road, RR#2 in Mahone Bay.

HONORING CAPTAIN LILLY

The Canadian Fallen Fighters Foundation is holding its Annual commemorative service in Ottawa this Sunday, and will be honoring Captain Jeff Lilly by adding his name to the monument. Jeffrey Samuel Lilly died December 16, 2016. Family members and 9 firefighters from our parish will be attending the service. We wish them safe travels.

Guest Presenters/Upcoming Events

With the summer months almost behind us, we have a busy schedule lined up this fall. The following is a list of currently scheduled events and guests coming to share their clerical insights with us:

Sunday 1 October services – Lisa Vaughan; Diocesan Parish Vitality Coordinator

Sunday 22 October services – Archbishop Fred Hiltz followed by a Congregational Potluck lunch

Sunday 5 November services – Archbishop Ron Cutler followed by a Congregational Potluck lunch

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