



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 who ever 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 to the Church of Saint John this morning.



Today's Holy Gospel story is Jesus' answer to the questions: on what authority are you doing these things? And who has given you this power? Our blessed Lord has finally arrived at Jerusalem and is in the Temple precincts.

In the first part of Matthew's Chapter 21 was the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, which we celebrated on Palm Sunday, and then followed the cleaning out of the Temple and Jesus' famous phrase: "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Hence, the two questions on authority and power. This question was asked by the chief priest and the elders of the people - The Sanhedrin. Jesus by arriving into Jerusalem has upset the apple cart and is now challenged. The chief priests and the Sanhedrin have the authority and power. Who is this Jesus? They tolerated Him as long as He was in Galilee but here He is in their space and there is going to be a clash. Jesus' answer to the Jewish authorities is that tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners are entering God's kingdom before them. John the Baptist came preaching a way of holiness and the chief priests and the elders of the Jewish people put no faith in him. The parable of the two sons represents what Jesus is talking about. The first son represents the chief priests and elders. Like that son, they promised to work for God, but failed to do so and this excluded themselves from God's kingdom. The second son represents the outcasts and sinners. Like him, they originally chose to go their own way, but then they repented, took God's way and thus they gained entry into the kingdom of God. The parable echoes a theme that is relevant for all time that of saying and doing.

This morning we welcome The Reverend Lisa Vaughn, coordinator for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In her spare time, she is rector of Hatchet Lake and Terence Bay.

Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Duncan Crowdis
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Mary Meisner
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Oran Hyson, Heather Hyson

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 8th

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Bill Black, Velvet, Susan, Heather, Robert, Roger, Charlene
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg
10:30 am Ann Perry, Margaret Shirley
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting Proulx

Prelude: From God Shall Naught Divide Me - Buxtehude

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Hymn #9 'Today I Awake'

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered
by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all
peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 EXODUS

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. EXODUS 17:1-7

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. R

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. R

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls. R

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep. He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form

of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Gospel Hymn #450 'You Call Us, Lord, to Be'

The Gospel

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." MATTHEW 21:23-32

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
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Southern Philippines, The Rt Revd Danilo Labacanacruz Bustamante.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Parish of Bridgewater and the Conqueralls, Rev Simon Davies and Frances; Parish of Blandford, Rev Louis Quennelle and Robert MacMillan.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev. Alvin Westgate and Cathy. Please continue to keep Father Michael Mitchell and his wife, Holly in your prayers.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot;
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tall Ship - 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.

Solo '23rd Psalm' - Interpretation - Waterman

Soloist - Jamie Gray

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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 Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #465 'Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming'

The Prayer Over The Gifts

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our 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 #732 Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, 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 #733 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 #734

The Lord's Prayer

We rely on the generosity of our Father as we pray 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 Communion

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

CP #745 (Senchur)

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, grant us 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 Hymns #63 'Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup'; #67 'God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living'

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.

Prayer After Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so
that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in
the world. We ask this in the name of 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

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 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

#309 'Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet'

Postlude: Fughetta in D – Rheinberger

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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, Oct. 1st – Lisa Vaughan; Diocesan Parish Vitality Coordinator

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

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

Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4pm – 300th Celebration of the Vinegar Bible

FAMILIES WORSHIP TOGETHER DAY

To provide more opportunities for all of our parish families to become
involved, we plan to have one Sunday each month as Family Worship
Together Day. On this special day each month, several members of the
same family will share in the readings and church duties. Not only will
this give support to our Sunday School children to have their siblings and
parents involved, it will also provide another opportunity for all families,
of all ages, whether involved with our youth programs or not, to have a
special day of worship with their families. Any families wishing to
participate can email Brooke Nodding at brooke@coastalaction.org

THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTERS

Your Thanksgiving Newsletter is ready for pick up today. Please take yours and even that of your neighbour for delivery. We would like to keep postage costs down as much as possible.

THANKSGIVING TUBS AND BARRELS

Each year at this time we ask for your generosity as we fill the trawl tubs and barrels with food and monetary donations for our local Food Bank. Today and next Sunday we will be receiving your donations which help our local folks in need of some assistance. You are always so very generous and we thank you for that kindness.

Meals on Wheels are looking for a volunteer driver. This is a commitment once every 6 weeks, Tuesday and Friday mornings, for about 1- 1/4 hours. For more information, call Carolyn McAllister (902-634-8513) or Brenda Bachman (902-634-8066).

Music Announcements:

Musique Royale presents the first cookie concert for the fall on Saturday, October 7 at 2 pm at the Lunenburg School of the Arts. It features the Juno awarding winning children's group 'The Swinging Belles'. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The Chester Brass together with the Riverport Choir will perform in concert here at St. John's on Sunday, October 15 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door.

An Invitation. Martin Luther began his reform movement 500 years ago, an event which has impacted all of us, regardless of our church background. As part of the world-wide commemoration of this event, the Lunenburg Lutheran Parish is inviting our neighbours, brother and sister Christians, and any who are interested, to a series of discussions on what Martin Luther means for us today. "Tracing Luther" is a 7-session series prepared by Pastor Rick Pryce, which is based on a study tour of Germany taken in 2011. The sessions will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, 65 Fox St., in Lunenburg, and will be held on the following Tuesdays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, November 7, 14, 21.

Sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last one hour. No registration, no cost. Just come!

APPLE PIES ON SALE!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lunenburg District Fire Department have homemade unbaked apple pies available for \$8.00. This would be a great dessert for your Thanksgiving table. Please help our local Fire Department by calling Heather Hyson to place your order 634-9149.

SUNDAY'S DUTY SCHEDULE

Nursery... Chasity Spindler... Assistant... Nikki Saunders
Grade I... Wayne Dodge... Assistant... Rogin Fraser
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Flowers placed in church today are In Loving Memory of
W. Guy Tanner and Fred W. Chenhall
given by Carolyn, Rick, Pam, Cathy and Beth.