



Welcome to th church of Saint John's this morning.

In today's Holy Gospel story a question is put to Jesus. The question is a test question or a trick question: to see whether Jesus would declare Himself on the side of the Pharisees, those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans, or to see whether Jesus would declare Himself on the side of the Herodians, those who collaborated with the Romans. Here is the sharp edge of the sword that the question raises; if Jesus says yes, he will lose the esteem of the people, for they see him as the Messiah, he would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. On the other hand if Jesus says No, then he would be denounced, by the Jewish leaders, as fomenting rebellion against Rome. As usual Jesus surprises both the Pharisees and the Herodians, on His answer, that the State has a role but it does not supplant the role of God. "Give to Cesar (state) what belongs to Cesar, and give unto God what belongs to God"

This morning we welcome back to the Parish, His Grace, The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz the Primate of all Canada. We are invited to the Parish hall after the 10:30 Holy Eucharist for a reception and an opportunity to have a conversation with His Grace.

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St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Rev. 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 Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Roger, Velvet, Susan, Heather, Robert, Charlene
 Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Ben Smith
10:30am Haigh Carthew, Sharon Green; Server: Aisling Curtin
 Sidespersons: Hazel Oliver, Susan MacMillan

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan
 Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30 am John Collins, Sharon Green
 Sidespersons: Hazel Oliver, Susan MacMillan

Heritage  Faith  Vision

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

The Holy Eucharist

Missa Nova in C – Tilley

Prelude: Intermezzo - Willan

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #38 'I Praise, My Soul'

Greeting

Talk with the Children

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

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

Almighty God, you have made us stewards of all creation. May we use wisely, all the gifts that you have given to your people, so that no one may be left out of the bounty of life, but all share in your gifts and know that you are a generous God of Love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

EXODUS 33:12-23

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord our God is the Holy one.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. R

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

R
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. R

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. R
PSALM 99

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Gospel Procession #335 'How Shall I Sing That Majesty'

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 the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. MATTHEW 22:15-22
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION - Archbishop Fred Hiltz

The Apostles Creed

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 of Prayer: The parish of New Germany, Rev. Mellanie Cohoon and Jeff, Rev. Catherine Robar, Associate Parish Priest St. John's. St. Martin's, Western Shore, Rev. Peter Rafuse and Mary Local Ministerial: St. John's Anglican Church, Rev Michael Mitchell and Holly, Rev. Alvin Westgate and Cathie
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams; Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Tall Ships 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

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.

People 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 #617 'Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee'

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

O Lord, we know that we live in a world of plenty, with food sufficient for all. Help us to realize that there is enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed. Receive our offerings today, that all may have the abundant life which is thy will. When we offer all that we have, we know that in thy hands there is enough for all. 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. We praise you Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

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. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for

many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.
People Thanks be to God.

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

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

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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 #’52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near’; # 522 ‘Rock of Ages’

Prayer After Communion

Merciful God, look with kindness on your people, that we might reflect your goodness to the world around us. Then all of the nations will come to know your ways and acknowledge your saving power. They will praise you as we praise you now. For you are a God of justice and compassion, abundantly providing for the needs of the world. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen. (Based on Psalm 67)

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 you 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.

Filled with the Spirit, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #’383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun’

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary - Stanley

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NOTICES

Sunday, Nov. 5th We will welcome Archbishop Ron Cutler to our service, followed by a Congregational Pot luck lunch.

Vinegar Bible Celebration

We will have the 300th Celebration of the Vinegar Bible on Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4pm

Remembering Sunday

On Sunday, November 12th we will hold our annual "Remembering Sunday Service" at the 10:30 service. If you have a family member who died this year, and you would like to light a candle in their memory, please, call the office 902-634-4994 and give the name to Mary. This will insure that we have their name for the Bulletin and will have sufficient candles for all. Thanks for your assistance

The Ladies Guild Sandwich Take Out fundraiser will be held Wednesday, October 25th. We are looking for a few extra volunteers from 9am-11am. As well we need drivers to help with food deliveries. Please contact Susan MacMillan 902-634-3019

The duty schedule for this week is:
Nursery Viola Green..Assistant... Nikki Saunders....Alexandria Acton Bond
Grade I...Brooke Nodding/Rena Demone
Grade II...Louise Holdbrooke

APPLE PIES ON SALE!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lunenburg District Fire department have homemade unbaked apple pies available for \$8.00. Please help our local Fire Department by calling Heather Hyson to place your order 902-634-9149

MORE PIES!

St. Martins Anglican Church, Martins River, Auxiliary are also having a pie sale. \$8.00 Call Christine 902-627-2272 by Oct. 31st. Pies can be picked up Sat.Nov. 4th after 12 noon.

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