

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The 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 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.*

Today's Holy Gospel story tells that the Bible, Religion, the Commandments, and Christian Service can be summed up in two great commandments. To love God and to love our neighbour. Here in a nutshell we have the whole of Christian teaching. Our real failure, as a Christian, is the failure to love.

In rabbinical teaching, 'the law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The question that arose in every age was: Which commandment was the greatest? All of the 613 commandments could be hinged or hooked on this one commandment. This was discussed among the rabbis from time to time. Jesus, in His typical fashion focussed on the heart and soul of the 613 commandments. Jesus gave two, rather than one. For Jesus, the second, 'Love your neighbour', followed directly and necessarily from the first, 'Love God'. Love of our neighbour arises out of love of God. We see this perfectly portrayed in Jesus' life. He loved God, His Father, thus, He was able to kiss/touch the leper, eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners. Jesus as He typically does, opened the conversation to a different 'higher' level. He was asking the lawyers, those who studied the sacred texts and thus, you and I, to see that one is not more important than the other, rather they are both of equal importance.

John in his first letter to the church reminds, the early Christian community and us, with these words, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

This morning we welcome Father Louis Quennelle. Father Louis was Assistant Priest in the parish for a period of time. Recently he has been appointed as halftime rector of the Parish of Blandford. Father Louis and I made arrangement some time ago for a pulpit exchange. I am not taking Saint John's pulpit to Blandford, rather, I am in Blandford this morning and Father Louis is here at Saint John's. *Father Alvin+*

Heritage  Faith  Vision

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

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30am Mary Meisner, Rose Conrad
Sidespersons: Hazel Oliver, Susan MacMillan
Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY November 5TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene, Roger, Susan, Kevin, Heather, Robert
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Cathy Ramey
10:30am Bruce Holdbrook, Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: Lynn Burton, Sam Burton
Server: 10:30 am Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

The Communion setting today comes from
'Lift Every Voice and Sing', an African American Hymnal

Prelude: 2 Chorale Preludes - Reger

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Hymn #380 'O Worship the King'

A CHILDREN'S TALK

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.

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, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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 the Father
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
Amen Music by Carl Haywood – from 'Mass for Grace'

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your
people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of
your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 DEUTERONOMY

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo,
to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him
the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and
Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and
the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar.
The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let
you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then
Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the
Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite
Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one
hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his
vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of
Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had
laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord

had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel. DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN From age to age you are God.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. R

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. R

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. R

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. R

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession #494 'Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels'

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 the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. MATTHEW 22:34-46

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

REFLECTION - Father Louis Quennelle

The Creed

Together with Christians all over the world, we join in professing our Baptismal 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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Thoothukudi - Nazareth - (South India) The Rt Revd Samuel Devasahayam Ebenezer Clement Tirunelveli - (South India) The Rt Revd Jayaraj Christdoss.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Parish of Chester, Archdeacon Ian Wissler and Chris; Parish of Lockeport-Barrington, Rev Doug Chard, Priest-in-Charge.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion. Please continue your prayers for Father Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisherries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Fundy Leader.

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.
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 'All are welcome' - Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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. Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy (repeat)

Holy, Lord God of hosts

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest (repeat)

Music by Grayson Warren Brown from 'A Mass for a Soulful People'

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 our faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, alleluia.

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 3 times)

The Lord's Prayer

With Jesus our Lord, we pray to the Father that we may always 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:

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 gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Lamb of God

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

Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewiss

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.

*You are most welcome to the Lord's table
if you wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Choir Anthems during Communion: In Remembrance of Me –
Courtney/Douglas; Taste and See - Moore

Prayer After Communion

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as
you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly
nourished be ready to follow you all our days; 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

Do not be afraid, for the Father loves us.
Do not be afraid, for Christ walks by our side.
Do not be afraid, for the Holy Spirit will give us courage.
Do not be afraid, for we are in God's hands.
Go and face life and bear witness to God's love with the blessing of
almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn #565 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

Postlude: Postlude in D – Willan

Duty Schedule for this Sunday:

Nursery...Chasity Spindler...Assistant...Laura Eisner
Grade I...Wayne Dodge....Assistant...Olivia Romkey
Grade II...Louise Holdbrook...Assistant...Nikki Saunders
Senior Class...Emmi Fraser/Christina Pottie

Sunday, Nov. 5th we will welcome Archbishop Ron Cutler to our service,
followed by a Congregational Pot Luck Lunch. Please bring a dish to be
shared.

VINEGAR BIBLE CELEBRATION

Please join us as we celebrate the 300th Celebration of the Vinegar Bible on
Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4pm here at St. John's Church. The typographical
error, in 1717, by the printer John Baskett has created a rare and
valuable Bible referred to as the Vinegar Bible. This 300th anniversary
has allowed us opportunity to connect with many of the 28 worldwide
owners of said Bible. We are very fortunate at St. John's to be part of the
small group. Check out the display cabinets in back of the pews to view
more information.

REMEMBERING SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 12th at 10:30am we will hold our annual
"Remembering Sunday Service". If a family member 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 ensure that we have their name
for the Bulletin and will have sufficient candles for all.

CHAPMAN'S YUKON SANDWICH BARS

End of season bundle sale 48 bars for \$40. 6 boxes to a bundle. Sign up
list at church & hall. Deliveries in town. Contact Joseph.

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 holding their annual
pie sale. Price is \$8.00. Call Christine 902-627-2272 by Oct. 31st. Pies can
be picked up Saturday, November 4th after 12 noon.

Prayer of Trust by Charles de Foucauld
God, I entrust myself to you.
Do with me what you want.
Whatever you wish to do with me, I thank you.
I am ready for everything, I accept everything.
Provided your will be done in me and in all your creatures, I desire
nothing else, my God. I place my soul into your hands, I give it to you,
my God, with all the love of my heart, because I love you, because it
is to me a demand of love to give myself, to commit myself to you
without reserve, with an unlimited trust, for you are my Father.