

expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say to you than he has said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of trouble shall not overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not--I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake  
I'll never--no, never--no. never forsake!"

Bishop God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this night and always. **Amen.**

#### CONCLUDING CHORALE

Erhalt uns Herr, bei deinem Wort  
und steure deiner Feinde Mord,  
die Jesus Christus, deinen Sohn,  
wollen stürzen von deinem Thron.

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to nought all he has done.

Beweis dein Macht, Herr Jesus Christ,  
der du Herr aller Herren bist,  
beschirm dein arme Christenheit,  
dass sie dich lob in Ewigkeit.

Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known,  
for you are Lord of Lords alone;  
defend your holy Church, that we  
may sing your praise triumphantly.

Gott Heilger Geist, du Tröster wert,  
gib dein Volk einerlei Sinn auf Erd,  
steh hei bei uns in der letzten Not,  
g'leit uns ins Leben aus dem Tod.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

Words: Martin Luther (1488-1568)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth

Music: Johann Walter (1496-1570)  
arr. Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

**Postlude:** Allegro Maestoso (with Trumpets and Horns) G.F. Handel  
from "Water Music" (first performed in 1717) (1685-1759)

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LUNENBURG, NS

Sunday, November 5th, 2017, at 4 p.m.

### CHORAL EVENSONG

#### IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PRINTING OF THE VINEGAR BIBLE IN 1717

*A plan to hold a special afternoon service to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the publication of the Vinegar Bible was first conceived by the Rector, Michael Mitchell, and the church's Heritage Committee. He had discussed and agreed the form it should take with Oliver Osmond, at a stage when it had been hoped to hold it in early summer, prior to the onset of his illness. The choir is formed by the nine-member group A Cappella. German Lutheran composers have been better at celebrating the power of the Word of God than Anglican ones, but perhaps that is appropriate on the Sunday following the fifth centenary of October 31st, 1517. Martin Luther not only gave a lead in translating the Bible into people's own language but was the first person so effectively to harness the potential power of the recent development of printing from moveable type.*

#### INTROIT

Sein Wort, sein Tauf, sein Nachtmahl deint wider allen Unfall, der Heilge Geist im Glauben lehrt uns darauf vertrauen.

His Word, his Baptism, his Supper serve against all misfortune; belief in the Holy Ghost teaches us to put our trust therein.

Words: Lutheran Burial Rite

Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

#### OPENING HYMN

Lord, your word shall guide us  
and with truth provide us;  
teach us to receive it  
and with joy believe it.

4 Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure  
by your word imparted  
To the simple-hearted?

2 When our foes are near us,  
then your word shall cheer us,  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

5 Word of mercy, giving  
courage to the living;  
word of life, supplying  
comfort to the dying.

3 When the storms distress us,  
and dark clouds oppress us,  
then your word protects us  
and its light directs us.

6 O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear you,  
evermore be near you!

**HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION:** Peter Matthews, Heritage Committee

Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded  
You alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart!  
Light of light, from God proceeding,  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!

Priest Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

**All Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Priest O Lord, save thy people;  
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Priest Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Christ. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

Johann Walter (1496-1570)

Allein auf Gottes Wort will ich,  
mein Grund und Glaubem bauen,  
das soll mein Schatz sein ewiglich,  
dem ich allein will trauen,  
Kein menschlich Weisheit will ich nicht  
dem göttlich Wort vergleichen,  
was Gottes Wort klar spricht und richt,  
soll billig alles weichen.

Solely on God's word do I want to build my foundation and my faith. It shall be my treasure in eternity, in which I trust alone. I cannot compare any human wisdom to the divine word. Everything should be subordinate to what God's Word speaks clearly and directs.

Other prayers follow, concluding with

Priest Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** The Short Service Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

- 1 Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
- 3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

**All I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Music for the Responses: William Smith of Durham (1603-1645)*

Priest The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And let us not be led into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen. *Music: Richard Stone (1516-1613)*

Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Bishop Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All 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 them that 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.**

*Music for the Responses: William Smith of Durham (1603-1645)*

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Priest Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

**PSALM 119**

*Chant by James Turle (1802-1882)*

- 89 O | Lord thy | word:  
standeth | fast for | ever · in the | heavens.
- 90 Thy truth also remaineth from one gene|ration · to an|other:  
thou hast laid the foundation of the | earth and | it a|bideth.
- 91 They continue this day ac|cording to · thine | ordinances:  
for | all things | serve | thee.
- 92 If my delight had | not been in · thy | law:  
I should have | perished | in my | trouble.
- 93 I will never for|get thy | precepts:  
for with them | thou hast | quickened | me.
- 94 I am | thine O | save me:  
for | I have | sought thy | precepts.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me | to des|troy me:  
 but | I will · con|sider · thy | testimonies.

96 I see that all things | come to · an | end:  
 but thy com|mandment · is ex|ceeding | broad.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son:  
 and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be:  
 world without | end. | A - | men.

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 1.1-12

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiath, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

**OFFICE HYMN**

<p>Almighty God, thy word is cast          like seed into the ground:          now let the dew of heaven descend          and righteous fruits abound.</p>	<p>3 Let not the world's deceitful cares,          the rising plant destroy:          but let it yield a hundredfold          the fruits of peace and joy.</p>
<p>2 Let not the foe of righteousness          this holy seed remove:          but give it root in every heart,          to bring forth fruits of love.</p>	<p>4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,          thy quickening grace bestow,          that all whose souls the truth receive          its saving power may know.</p>

**MAGNIFICAT:** The Short Service Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

1 My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

2 For he hath regarded:  
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.

3 For behold from henceforth:  
 all generations shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
 and holy is his name.

5 And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
 throughout all generations.

6 He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
 he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 He remembering his mercy:  
 hath holpen his servant Israel.

10 As he promised to our forefathers:  
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
 and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
 world without end. Amen.

**SECOND LESSON:** 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.8

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.