

St. John's Anglican Church

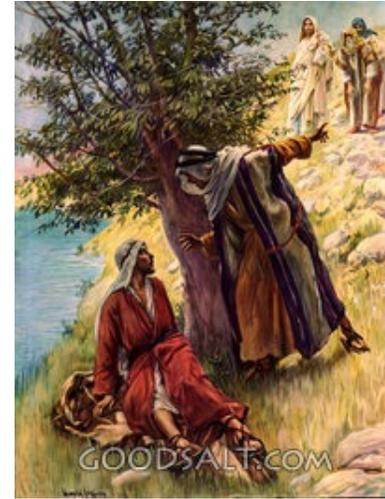
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend Michael H. Mitchell
 Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*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.*

Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John



In these next few Sundays, we will reflect on different epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus. The word epiphany means manifestation or showing forth. In the various stories/readings we encounter, this season of Epiphany, many different manifestations or showing forth of who Jesus is.

In the first 51 verses of John's Gospel, John the Baptist calls Jesus "The Lamb of God", Andrew calls Jesus "The Messiah". The main theme of the readings is of 'call' and 'response'. In the first reading we have the call of Samuel. Samuel played a big part in the building up of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. Samuel was instrumental in Israel getting its first kings - Saul and David. This paves the way for the call of Jesus' disciples as outlined in the Gospel stories. As we reread chapter one of John's Gospel, we have the call of Andrew, John, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael, who is probably Bartholomew in Matthew/Mark/ Luke. These all played an important role in the first Christian community.

In our readings for today, we are dealing with a unique and specific call, which is more commonly called a vocation. At Holy Baptism we were called to this vocation/work, to let our light shine forth onto a dark and broken world.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
 10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Susan MacMillan
 Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
 10:30 am Aisling Curtin, Hazel Oliver
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Sharon Green, Patty Tanner; Server: Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
 10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Roger Demone
 Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Cathy Ramey
 10:30 am Hazel Oliver, Aisling Curtin
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Sharon Green, Patty Tanner; Server: Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: We Christians - Dupre

Hymn #432 'Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult'

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

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All 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

God our Father, we believe in your Son Jesus Christ. Open our ears to listen to his Word. Open our hearts that we may experience his message as a call addressed personally to each of us. May each of us respond saying, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SAMUEL

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10-20

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Your works are wonderful, O Lord.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. R

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. R .

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. R

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

Gradual Hymn #476 'God, You Have Caused to Be Written'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

JOHN 1:43-51

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

REFLECTION

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We 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 The Anglican Church of Australia, The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Milton and Rustico, PEI, Rev Ralph Moore and Bonnie, Rev Ken Williams, Assistant Priest, and Norma Jean; Parish of Crapaud, PEI, Rev Margaret Collins, Priest-in-Charge; Parish of New London, PEI, Rev Margaret Fagan and Darroch, Rev Shirley Cole, Assistant Priest.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry. Please continue to keep Father Michael Mitchell and Holly in your prayers.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams; Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

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. Amen.

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #385 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'

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

Father in heaven, you have called us together, saints and sinners alike, at the table of your Son. With him we offer you our willingness to carry out in everyday life the tasks you entrust to us. May we receive the courage to be your new people and to be open to the prompting of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. 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; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Sung CP#719) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of 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 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. (Sung)
CP #720 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen. (Sung 3x) CP #721

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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,
The gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

The Communion CP#745

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.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.
The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, Amen.

*This community of faith,
welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymn #48 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through our lives, your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 & Sending Out

May the God of peace, make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
The blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn #373 'This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made'

Postlude: We Christians (Wir Christenleut) – J. S. Bach

NOTICES

Please note:

- We would like Committee Chairs to be working on their 2018 budget items and to contact Treasurer, Dan Sargeant by email jdsargeant@eastlink.ca
- Committee Reports for our Annual Report are to be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office.
- Offering envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of the church.

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! All ladies of the parish are invited to the annual Pot-Luck Luncheon and Mystery Auction on Monday, January 15 at 12 Noon in the parish hall. A great way to start off the new year. Come, enjoy and bring a friend.

Music Announcements:

Musique Royale presents 'Magnificent Mozart' with Symphony Nova Scotia, conductor Bernhard Gueller with guest pianist Luca Buratto on Friday, January 26 at 7:30 pm here at St. John's Church. Advance tickets at \$30 are available at Shop on the Corner or reserve at 902-634-9994.

Our choirs and music committee will present the seventh annual SouperMarket on Saturday, February 10 from 11:00 am-1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Hearty homemade soups, fresh rolls, and delicious desserts will be served in a cheerful café setting; take-out will be available. Our treasure tables offer many items of interest that will be 'new' to you. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students) and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds assist St. John's music program. If you have any items that you might wish to contribute to our treasure table please speak with Jane Ritcey or any member of our music committee. Books, silverware, china, novelty items are all very much appreciated.

A five week course covering the "struggle for the real Jesus" will be presented by Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener, C.S.C., Department of Religious Studies, St Mary's University. Make plans now to attend. Sessions will be held at the Parish Hall each Tuesday evening until February 13th 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone needing a drive to the seminar, please leave a voicemail message at 634-8429 before 4pm on Tuesday.

HERITAGE FAITH VISION MARINERS' SKY

Church minutes of 13 June 1867 record "a chancel be built as large as practicable to accommodate both the Choir and the Vestry. Hon. J. Creighton expressed a great desire to have the ceiling torn down, and finished similar to that of the Episcopal Church in Liverpool? Was that Liverpool, N.S. or England? Our story will continue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

Nursery...Chasity Spindler/Laura Eisner
Nursery Curriculum....OC Acton Bond/Alex Payne
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