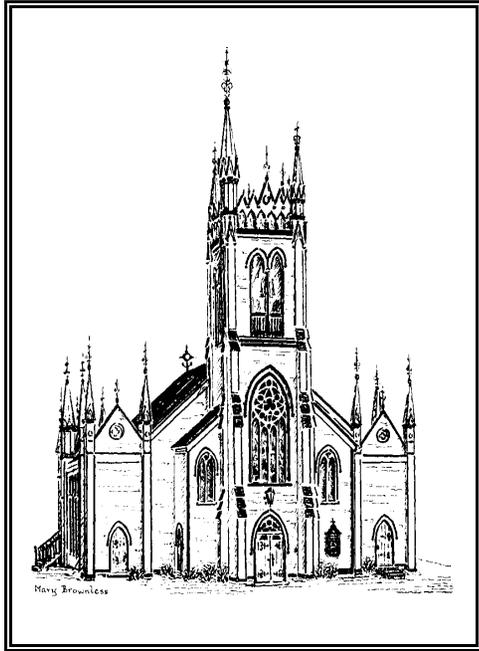


Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2018



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate
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



At the start of Jesus' ministry, in Galilee, He announces the Good News of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the Good News."

God, through Jesus, is about to overturn reality directly and decisively. As is clear from our text from Jonah, God abhors the world's violence and injustice, and will intervene to set things right.

Repentance is one of the main themes of our readings for today. In the Jonah story, we hear how Jonah's preaching met with an immediate response in the city of Nineveh. The story shows the possibility of a Gentile city repenting and turning to God. It also highlights God's mercy and forgiveness.

If the people of Nineveh responded so fully to the preaching of Jonah, how much more fully should we respond to the teaching of Jesus? The Holy Gospel shows the prompt response of the early disciples to Jesus' call to follow Him. As we continue to read Mark's Gospel, we will find others who respond to Jesus' call to follow Him just as promptly.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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 Mary Meisner, John Collins
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Sharon Green, Patty Tanner
Server: Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 28th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Kevin Skinner
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Roxie Smith
10:30 am Nodding and Fraser Families
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Jesu, meine Freude (chorale and variations) - Zachau

Hymn #393 'Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun'

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 JONAH

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. JONAH 3:1-5, 10

PSALM REFRAIN Take refuge in God, all you people.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. R

In God is my safety and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge. Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge. R

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted. On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together. R

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. R

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds. R PSALM 62:6-14

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Gradual Hymn #430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING
TO MARK People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. MARK 1:14-20
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 Church of Bangladesh, The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Port Hill, Prince Edward Island, Rev Ann Bush, Rev Gordon Bush, Deacon; St. Paul's, Charlottetown, Archdeacon John Clarke and Theresa Rev Jay Macdonald, Associate Parish Priest, and Carol.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the healing of the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church as they mourn the loss of their beloved priest, Father Michael Mitchell. Remember in your prayers, his wife, Holly and their family. We are grateful for the leadership of Rev. Alvin Westgate during these difficult times as we journey together.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver.

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 #436 'I Bind unto Myself Today'

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

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ 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 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.

(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.

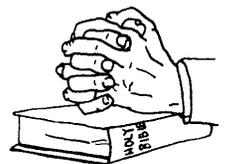
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.
The gifts of God for the People of God.
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 Hymns #73 'One Bread, One Body'; #72 'Bread of Heaven'

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 #431 'Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said'

Postlude: Jesu, meine Freude (final variation) – Zachau

NOTICES

Please note:

- We would like Committee Chairs to be working on their 2018 budget items and to contact Treasurer, Dan Sargeant by email idsargeant@eastlink.ca
- Committee Reports for our Annual Report are to be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office.

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. Tickets are also available at the door at the regular price of \$35. Students \$10.

SUPERMARKET

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, silver ware, 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 (Part II)**

The Church of our Lady & St. Nicholas, the oldest church in Liverpool (UK) dating from 1344 had a painted and starred ceiling created in 1688 but removed by 1774. It was a popular sight visited by Mariners before putting to sea. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Mariners, so the starry sky may have been referred to as the Mariners' Sky. Our story will continue.

A lovely prayer to use at the table before you have a meal:

GRACIOUS GOD
whose son Jesus Christ
came among us to give life,
we give thanks for the abundance
of your generosity.
As we live in gratitude
for all that you provide,
may this food nurture our bodies
and gladden our hearts. Amen.
(As printed on the Anglican Foundation Placemats.)

A prayer for children before having a meal:

Dear God,
thank you for the beautiful
world you have made for us.
Please help us to take care of our world
to keep it clean and to keep us healthy.
Bless our food today and
help us to share with others. Amen.
(As printed on the Anglican Foundation Placemats.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

Nursery I....Chasity Spindler/Laura Eisner
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