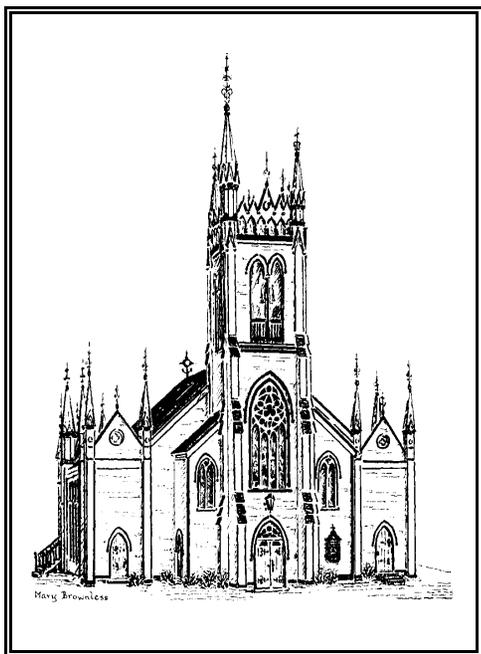


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2018



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.*

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

Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John



In today's Gospel story we see that Jesus' words carry great authority. Why? Jesus is the only Son of God.

On the Mass of the Christ Child (December 25), John reminds us that - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." (Saint John 1:1) This also takes us to the story of Creation in Genesis chapter one, where God speaks and something occurs.

Today we have another manifestation of who Jesus is. Not only is He God's only Son, but He speaks and something happens. In this case two things are reflected for our contemplation. The first is His teachings. As is the Jewish custom, Jesus was asked to read the sacred scriptures and then make a comment on what was read (see Saint Luke 4:16-21. Luke expands Mark's story.) The people who attended the synagogue service were astonished at His teaching. Jesus taught them as having authority. The second aspect of the story is His power to heal. Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and came out of the man. Once again those in attendance are amazed at Jesus. What is this? What new doctrine is this? Once again we and those in Jesus' day see God working in their midst, just like the days of old. The God who acts in the Old Testament is the same God who acts in the New Testament.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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 Sharon Green, Emmi Fraser
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White
Server: Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Roger Demone, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Hazel Oliver
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White
Server: Aisling Curtin

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Irish Church Melody - Stanford

Hymn #393 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

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 (Morgan Nodding & Brooke Nodding)

Loving God, in your Son Jesus Christ you have shown us what it means to be fully human. Through Christ you bring to all who receive him the healing of forgiveness and life. Let him touch us with his saving hand, let him speak to us his restoring word, that he may make us whole and free. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die." DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(Emmi Fraser & Libby Fraser)

PSALM REFRAIN The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. R

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. R

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations. R

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. R

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. R
Psalm 111

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

I CORINTHIANS 8:1-13 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #428 'God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness'

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.



They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on

asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ. Mark 1:21-28

Father Alvin's Altar Talk

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 Burundi, The Most Rev Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba. Diocesan Cycle: Pray for St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Holy Trinity, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, Rev David Garrett; St. Mary and St. John, Prince Edward Island, Rev Colin Nicolle and Shannon, Rev Ned Henthorn, Associate Parish Priest, and Arlene. Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father James MacDonald, OMI. Fisheries: 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. Amen.

The Peace All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #384 'Praise to the Lord'

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

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who on this first day of the week
overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
In our unending joy
we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven
as we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung CP#719)

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 #59 'Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him' #77 'The Son of God Proclaim'

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 & Sending Out (Morgan Nodding & Libby Fraser)

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.

Priest: 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

#486 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' (Hyfrydol)

Postlude: Hyfrydol – Willan

NOTICES

I have observed many faces in church and notice that their names are not on the Parish Roll. We would be most happy to receive your contact information so that we can include you in everything we do with the long time parishioners. If you are attending worship and feel part of our church family, please contact me at the Parish Office 902-634-4994 or email stjohnslunenburg@eastlink.ca.
Thank you,
Mary Wagner (Parish secretary)

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.
- The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11th.

SOUPERMARKET



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

Nursery I...Missy Romkey, Laura Eisner, Olivia Romkey

FAMILY PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters: Carole Andrews, Audrey Morgan
 Offertory: Carole Andrews, Audrey Morgan
 Collection: Brooke & Morgan Nodding, Emmi, Libby & Eadlin Fraser

CHURCH HUMOUR - DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"

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Little John the Baptist

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."