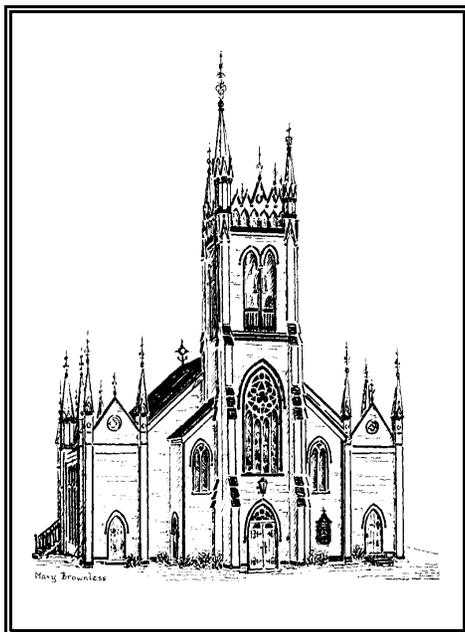


Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 11, 2018



## St. John's Anglican Church

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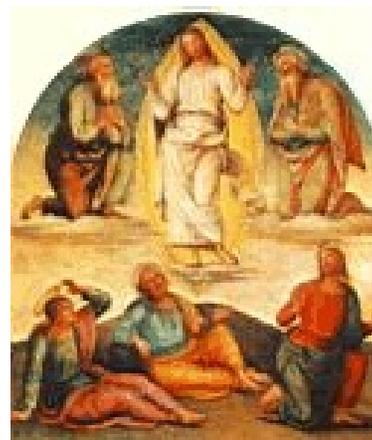
Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate  
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*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.*

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### Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John



Leprosy is the theme of the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the Holy Gospel reading. In biblical times, lepers were treated as pariahs. Today, we in the developed world, have a different understanding about leprosy; however we also have our pariahs - victims of Aids, Sars, MRSA, the dying. These victims, we have and still treat, as being unclean and untouchable. The Gospel story of Jesus reaching out and touching a leper, we see how we as Christians should deal with sinners and people whom our society rejects.

One of the great saints, Francis of Assisi, 1226, kissed a leper. Like our Blessed Lord, Francis showed us, who follow Jesus, how we should deal with sinners and the unwanted in our society. A Christian, a follower of Jesus, is one who has been 'cleansed' by Christ in Holy Baptism, and one who ought to spread the 'good news'. Jesus' invitation is that we should reach out and touch those in our community, society who are considered to be unclean. All that we do is for the glory of God and the furthering of the kingdom of heaven.  
Fr. Alvin

#### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer  
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Kevin Skinner  
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Duncan Crowdis  
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Lillian Keeping  
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Michael Lee, Denyse Lee  
Server: Aisling Curtin

#### NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer  
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Charlene Demone  
Lectors: 8:30 am Laura Roblee, Carolyn Hogg  
10:30 am Heather Eisenhauer, Robert MacMillan  
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Michael Lee, Denyse Lee  
Server: Aisling Curtin

# The Holy Eucharist

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

## Prelude: Peace Song - Utterback (adapted)

### Opening Hymn 'All Are Welcome'

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.

### Father Alvin's Talk with the Children

## 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

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed  
the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with  
compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make  
whole all peoples and nations; 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 SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man  
and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given  
victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.  
Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from  
the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If  
only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him  
of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from

the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

2 KINGS 5:1-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN You have brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. R

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning. R

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. R

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying, "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper." R

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. R PSALM 30

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn #608 'Come, You Sinners'

### 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.

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

MARK 1:40-45

### 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 Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.  
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Parish of the Resurrection, Sydney, Rev Peter Rafuse and Mary, Rev Roslyn MacLeod, Associate Parish Priest.  
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Rick Pryce and Deborah.  
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, and the celebrant addresses the people.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.  
During the cold/flu season we will not greet one another.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

#### Offertory Hymn #513 'Guide My Feet'

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

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. 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;  
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.

(Sung) 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.  
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.

### 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.  
Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLew

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.

Communion Hymns #512 'I Want Jesus to Walk With Me';  
#597 'Lion and Lamb Lying Together'

### Prayer after Communion

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this 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

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 'God Be With You'

God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again  
God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso – Mendelssohn

## NOTICES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am church service. Plan to attend and bring your favourite dish to share at the Pot Luck Luncheon after the service.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

The entire parish is invited to join the Sunday School community as they prepare supper. Pancakes, sausages and ice cream will be served. A Free-will offering will be received to support our sponsored child through World Vision and Sunday School activities.



FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! All ladies of the parish are invited to the annual Pot-Luck Luncheon and Mystery Auction on Monday, February 26 at 12 Noon in the parish hall. Come, enjoy and bring a friend.

Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

There are two Services – 10:00 am & 7:00 pm

Anglicans are reminded that Ash Wednesday, along with Good Friday, is observed with special acts of discipline and self-denial, such as fasting, alms giving to those in need and works of charity. The Season of Lent is a time of deepened prayer and spiritual discipline intended to make us more loving, kind and generous in our service of God and others. Check out all the opportunities this Lent to grow spiritually.

Lenten/Easter Newsletter items should be sent to Brian & Janice Kenefick no later than February 19<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all committee heads to get their articles in and email them to [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca) Your input helps to make the Newsletter so relevant.

"Struggle for the real Jesus" presented by Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener, C.S.C., Department of Religious Studies, St Mary's University will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening 7:00pm-8:00pm. This is the last meeting in this series. Anyone needing a drive to the seminar, please leave a voice mail message at 634-8429 before 4pm on Tues.

#### Music Announcements:

Music and Meditation for Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at noon here at St. John's. Each half hour presentation features musical friends of St. John's music program. The music is an eclectic mix of various styles of music suitable for meditation, reflection and enjoyment.

The 2018 Lenten Series opens with The Babysitter's Club, a trio of young singers from Nova Scotia's South Shore. Grace Adams, Addie Burkam and Emily Challis are all students at Park View Education Centre and they will perform original arrangements by their leader, Jennah Barry. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy any of these presentations. A free will offering, which supports this ongoing series, is gratefully accepted.

Other presentations to come include:

Wednesday, February 21 at noon – John Scott, organ

Wednesday, February 28 at noon – Glenn Patscha, piano/vocals

Wednesday, March 7 at noon – Walter Delahunt, piano

Wednesday, March 14 at noon – Nina Scott Stoddart, mezzo soprano

Wednesday, March 21 at noon – Janelle Lucyk, soprano; Nick Veltmeyer, piano/organ

Wednesday, March 28 at noon – A Cappella Vocal Ensemble

Two young pianists from our area, Jade Ley and Sacha Arnaud will play works by Beethoven, Bach, Schumann and Chopin on Sunday, February 18 at 4 pm at the home of Barbara Butler (Cecilia's Retreat), 1199 Oakland Rd., RR#2, Mahone Bay. The performance is followed by an evening meal. (\$25 – please reserve with Barbara if you would like to attend)

#### More Mission School – Module 2

Please note that the Diocese will be holding module 2 of the More Mission at Holy Trinity Church Hall in Bridgewater on Saturday 3 March from 9:30 to 3:30. This a great opportunity to get some ideas as St. John's works through our own 5 year vision. There is no cost but you must pre-register on line through the Diocesan Web site.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

PreK....Chasity Spindler/Laura Eisner

Kindergarten.... Alexandria Acton Bond/Alex Payne

Grade I....Rena Demone/Jasmine Saunders Grade II....Louise Holdbrook;

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