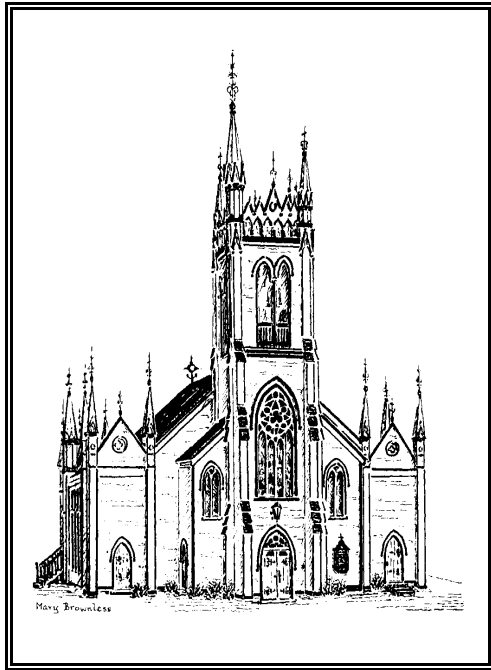


First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2018



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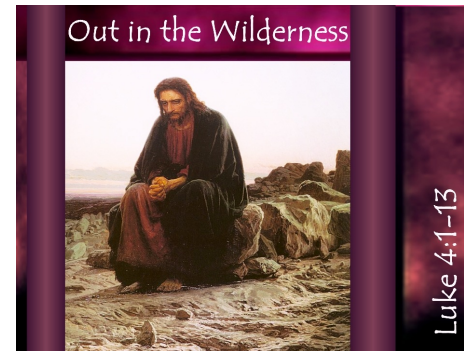
Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*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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St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John
Quadragesema Sunday



Each of us is involved in a constant struggle against temptation. Jesus was human in every way. In the Holy Gospel reading for today, we see that Jesus is tempted. Jesus understands our weaknesses in the face of temptation because he was victorious over temptation. He can help us.

This morning as we come into His presence, we can approach Him with confidence, asking for the assistance that we need to overcome our temptations. Lord Jesus, you strengthen us when we are weak; you lift us up when we fall; and you seek us out when we are lost. Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Kevin Skinner
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Christina Pottie, Cathy Ramey
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Angela & Alex Payne
Server: Aisling Curtin

Father Alvin will be away from the parish the afternoon of February 18th to the afternoon of February 21st. He will be attending the annual Lutheran/Anglican gathering with the Bishop of the Eastern Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Michael Pryce.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Christ the Life of All the Living - Leupold

Hymn #564 'Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us'

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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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 GENESIS

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood

to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." GENESIS 9:8-17
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9 (REFRAIN) The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. R

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. R

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. R

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. R

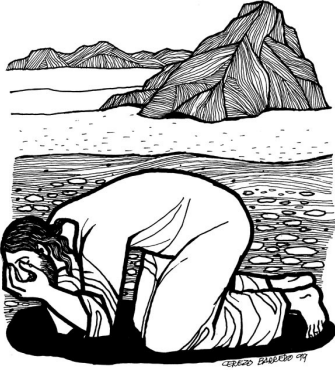
A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. 1 PETER 3:18-22
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #180 'Giver of the Perfect Gift'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Mark
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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." MARK 1:9-15
The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O 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: Create a new spirit within us, O Lord.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Collieries Parish, Rev Marian Lucas-Jefferies, Priest-In-Charge, and Graham, Rev Myrna MacMullin, Associate Parish Priest, and Robert.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church, and Rev. Alvin Westgate and Cathy.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Tall Ship - Picton Castle; Clearwater - Atlantic Protector.

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 #558 'God, When I Stand, No Path Before Me'

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

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. 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 was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung CP#722)
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
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."

(Sung) CP #723

Dying, you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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, amen. CP #725

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 this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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 #70 'Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts'; #629 'Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness'

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and
hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name. 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 #438 'O Jesus I Have Promised'

Postlude: Finale from Sonata 6 – Mendelssohn

NOTICES

THANK YOU!



The family of the late Reverend Michael Mitchell has been overwhelmed with the love and support shown during Michael's illness and recent death. Thank you to the Most Rev. Archbishop Ron Cutler and Rev. Alvin Westgate for the beautiful celebration of Michael's life. To Barbara Butler and choir of St. John's Church and volunteer choir members, the music was outstanding. Also, thank you to soloist, Mike Hatcher and Gary Ramey for the beautiful "Hallelujah" during the service. Thank you Heather Eisenhauer & Duncan Crowdis for your reflections of Michael's life, which conveyed his love of St. John's, music and his family. Thank you to the ACW for the lovely luncheon at the reception and to those who so willingly donated and served. A heartfelt thank you for the exceptional professional service to Mike Zinck and staff of Sweeny's Funeral Home. Thank you for your generous memorial donations to St. John's and the Palliative Care of the South Shore. We are grateful for the love and support shown by your visits to our home and hospital, the food delivered to our home and for the many cards that we received. ~Holly

THANKS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a huge success! Lots of folks came out to support our Sunday School who put on this tasty event. A total of \$657.40 was made to support our Foster Child. It was fun to be served by the Sunday School children who worked so hard. Thanks to all!

GOOD HYGIENE

In this season of colds and flues, each one of us can do their best to keep healthy and prevent the spread of germs and viruses. Hand Sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church. Let us help one another through it all.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The annual Lunenburg Lenten Café will be held once again at Zion Lutheran Church the Wednesdays in Lent, from 11am - 11:45am. Each week, various clergy lead a creative worship and reflection.

February 21 - St. Norbert's Roman Catholic

February 28 - Central United

March 14 - St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks

March 21 - St. Andrew's Presbyterian

The community is encouraged to attend these services.

- Lenten Music & Meditation will be held at St. John's Church each Wednesday during Lent at 12 Noon.
- Soup Luncheons will be held Wednesday, April 25, May 2, & 9 at Central United Church 11:30am - 1:30pm. Cost is \$9.00.

Music Announcement:

Organist John Scott is our guest for this week's Music and Meditation on Wednesday, February 21 at noon. All are warmly invited.

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

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.

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

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