



Today we hear the story, from the Holy Gospel of Saint John, of Jesus cleansing the Temple. This morning we are gathered in the House of God which is supposed to be a House of Prayer and Worship. By chasing the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple, Jesus was passing judgement on what was bad with the Jewish system of worship. Jesus' action in cleansing the Temple was a protest against the commercialization of religion and thereby a desecration of the Temple. Jesus was also protesting the way Jewish religion had become narrow, nationalistic, and exclusive.

Israel had failed to fulfill her universal mission to the Gentiles. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a House of Prayer 'for all the nations'. The Temple remained a jealousy-guarded preserve of Israel. Jesus, who is present amongst us; helps us to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; helps us to worship in a spirit of Humility and Sincerity; and helps us to worship as members of a community reconciled in Love.

Alvin+

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Ed Jordan
10:30 am Patsy Perkins, Lynn Ellis; Server: Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Angela & Alex Payne

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 11TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Sandra Jordan
10:30 am Bruce Holdbrook, Haigh Carthew; Server: Aisling Curtin
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Heather & Oran Hyson

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: O Man, Thou Grevious Sin Bemoan – J. S. Bach

Hymn #388 'Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken'

Children's Talk

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.

People And with thy spirit.

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

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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 EXODUS

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. EXODUS 20:1-17
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

Psalm Refrain: The words of the Lord are spirit and life.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. R

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. R

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. R

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. R

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends cleanse me from my secret faults. R

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. R

PSALM 19

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #419 'Let All Creation Bless the Lord'

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

JOHN 2:13-22

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: Create a new spirit within us, O Lord.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Bethlehem - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Sean Rowe.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Retired Clergy in Cape Breton Region: Rev Canon Fev Arnold and Joyce, Rev Gordon Granchelli and Georgina, Rev Dennis Hayward and Deb, Rev Glen Kent and Glenda, Rev Cathy Pharo and Chris, Rev Vernon Reid and Bong. Widows: Mrs. Florence Burton, Mrs. Jean Mitchell, Mrs. Eleanor Pyke, Mrs. Laurie Wainwright.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father James MacDonald, OMI.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; 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 #386 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

We welcome to our Eucharist the Sunday School children and teachers.
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.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness.
Receive all we offer this day and may we who ask forgiveness be ready
to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

(Sung) CP #723

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

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is 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,
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

The Communion

The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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
Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

*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.*

Music during Communion:

Organ solo: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Malcolm Archer;
Choir Anthem: O Love, How Deep – Winnagene Hatch

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together and serve one another in unity and peace, 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 and Sending Out

May the Spirit who led Jesus in to the desert, lead you this Lent into the depths of your heart so that you may experience the joys of Easter.
May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn #200 'We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died'

Postlude: Postlude – Alan Ridout

NOTICES

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN READING A LESSON IN CHURCH?

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out by reading at either the 8:30am or 10:30am service. Please contact Mary at the office to let her know 902-634-4994 or email stjohnslunenburg@bellaliant.com

Please pick up your Newsletters today at the back of the church.

LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The Lenten Café will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday from 11am - 11:45am. March 7 - Zion Lutheran, March 14 - St. Barnabas Anglican, 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 and Meditation this Wednesday at noon:

Our guest this week is pianist Walter Delahunt, a Nova Scotian born musician whose career has taken him throughout Europe, the Middle East, North America and Asia. Walter is held in the highest regard as a soloist as well as chamber musician. He is currently an Artist in Residence at LAMP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE MARCH 4TH

PreK....Chasity/Laura
Kindergarten....Emmi/Alex
Grade I....Hughie/Jasmine
Grade II....Louise

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE MARCH BREAK - EASTER

March 11th....No Sunday School or Nursery..March Break
March 18th....Full Sunday School/Nursery
March 25th....Full Sunday School/Nursery....Palm Sunday
EASTER SUNDAY April 1st....Families attend Church Service
EASTER SUNDAY April 1st....No Sunday School/Nursery

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 11th
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



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HUMOUR

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'