



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 this morning.



Today's Holy Gospel story comes from the Gospel according to Saint Luke. The pericope takes place after "The Road to Emmaus". Cleopas and another disciple encounter Jesus on the journey but only identify Jesus, as the stranger in their midst, when He took the bread - blessed, broke, and gave it to them. We find the disciples, in the Upper Room, along with the others, gathered

behind closed doors, wounded in heart and in spirit. Jesus appears amongst them, gives them His peace and breathes new life into them. Luke's primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person, the followers of Jesus had known, in Galilee, prior to the crucifixion. Jesus shows them His wounds and asks them to touch Him. Then He asks for something to eat. They offer Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. Jesus gives them a mission. They are to proclaim/preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. This is of great importance for the followers of Jesus and the world we live in. If Jesus proclaimed from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" then we, who follow Jesus, should repent of our sinfulness and forgive our brother and sister, because our sins are no greater than theirs.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Susan MacMillan; Server: Aisling Curtin
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Heather Hyson, Ann Perry
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Carrie Skinner, Audrey Skinner

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 22nd
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Heather Hyson; Server: Aisling Curtin
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Roxie Smith
10:30 am Heather Eisenhauer, Patsy Perkins
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Betty & Elroy Creaser

The Holy Eucharist

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

The 10:30 service begins with a gospel hymn sing at 10:10am.
David Eisener, percussion

Hymn #418 'Draw the Circle Wide'

Father Alvin's Talk with the Children

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive 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 ACTS

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out." ACTS 3:12-19
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord does wonders for the faithful.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. "You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" R

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me. Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R

Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord. R

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R PSALM 4

A READING FROM A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sins is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. I JOHN 3:1-7

Gradual Hymn #382 'Praise to the Lord'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." LUKE 24: 36B-48

REFLECTION

The Apostles Creed We confess the faith of our baptism, saying,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Tangier, Rev Lorraine Otto and Retired clergy of the Eastern Shore Region.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, Father James MacDonald, OMI.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Joides Resolution.

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.

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand – (arr. Thomas Dorsey)

Choir: Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Choir and Congregation:

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Choir and Congregation:

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Choir and Congregation:

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Choir: Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home; home.

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

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us
new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we
celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

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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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:
Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us that we might live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

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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-DeLewis

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

In Remembrance of Me (No. 16 in black binder)

In Remembrance of Me, eat this bread

In Remembrance of Me, drink this wine

In Remembrance of Me, pray for the time when God's own will is done

In Remembrance of Me, heal the sick

In Remembrance of Me, feed the poor

In Remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in

Take eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you

In Remembrance of Me, search for truth

In Remembrance of Me, always love

In Remembrance of Me, don't look above

But in your heart, look for God

Do this in remembrance of me

Because He Lives (No. 21 in Black Binder)

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,

He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Refrain:

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives

But greater still, the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days because He lives Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river

I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then as death gives way to vict'ry

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives Refrain

Prayer after Communion

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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' (No. 18 black binder)

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

William Ross preached and assisted at St. John's during 1871. He settled after his work here, to Springfield, Kentucky. He was the son of Wm. Ross of Lunenburg. His brother George Angus Ross was Barrister & MPP for Lun. County and brother Alex Ross was a clergyman of the American Congregational Church in New Hampshire. Our story will continue.

NOTICES

We are accepting Mother's Day Memorials for the May 13th bulletin. Please call Mary at the office if you would like to place a Memorial.

St. John's Sunday School is hosting a Pool Party on Sunday, April 29th 10:30am-Noon at EmOcean Spa, 298 Lincoln Street, Lunenburg. This is a great time for Family Fun and Fellowship. Bring a friend and don't forget a towel and swim cap.

We are in search of a Treasurer for the parish. If you are able to volunteer your time, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact warden, Blake Starratt at 902-634-9424 for further information.

HELP CREATE A SHARED VISION FOR ST. JOHN'S

We have now had input from over 80 of our parishioners to help create a shared vision for St. John's. We have one last meeting scheduled for this phase of the process and thought we would make it a pleasant evening of fellowship at the same time with the addition of wine and cheese. Please come and join us on Monday evening 16 April at 7pm in the Parish Hall, whether you have already participated in a meeting or not.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A six week lecture series covering "World Religions" is being presented by Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener, C.S.C., Department of Religious Studies, Saint Mary's University. Sessions are held at the Parish Hall each Tuesday evening through May 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. 1. Hinduism; 2. Buddhism; 3. Sikhism; 4. Chinese Traditions; 5. Judaism; 6. Islam Everyone welcome

Evening Prayer services start Sunday, April 8th at 4pm-4:45pm at the parish hall. The Evening Prayer service will be contemporary, meditative, family-friendly, and draws on a variety of musical traditions.

The Mother's Day Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. Please place your name on the Sign up Sheet at the church or Parish Hall.

Archbishop Ron is pleased to announce that on May 14, 7pm. at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax (The Feast of St. Matthias) he will install the Rev. Reg MacDonald as an Honorary Canon. Everyone is welcome to attend!

St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Blue Rocks is holding a Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 29th at 7pm. All are welcome.

The Town of Lunenburg will be hosting a reception at the Lunenburg & District Fire Hall on Monday, April 16th at 7pm for all volunteers in Lunenburg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

PreK....Viola/Laura; Kindergarten....Emmi/Jasmine
 Grade I....Hughie/Alex; Grade II....Lori

St. John's Parish Council for the Year 2018

Beth Barclay	Brooke Nodding
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Emmi Fraser	Blake Starratt
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