



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.*

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Alvin's Message

Welcome, this morning to the Church of Saint John.



The Day of Pentecost formally concludes the fifty day Easter season. At the same time, the day celebrates the bestowing of the Holy Spirit; it also points forward into the time that follows, forging a connection between the statements of Jesus' resurrection and the sending of the followers of Jesus into the world.

Contemporary Christians celebrate Pentecost as a feast marking the events of Acts 2, where the Holy Spirit fills Jesus' followers, resulting in inspired, prophetic speech and the creation of a community characterized by worship and service. Our Christian observance derives from a Jewish pilgrim festival, of the same name, which falls on the fiftieth day after Passover. Pentecost is the Greek word for fiftieth. Within the biblical Christian community, "Pentecost" is referred to the entire fifty day period commencing on Easter, an extended and joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection, His appearances to His disciples, His Ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is not until the late fourth and early fifth century that Pentecost emerges as a distinctive feast day, that marks the end of Easter and focuses on the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Alvin

IN LOVING MEMORY

This Edition of the Parish Bulletin
is in Loving Memory of
Mother, Elsie Hyson
from Son Oran, Heather and family.



LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am
10:30 am Heather Hyson; Server: Aisling Curtin
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan
10:30am Stephen Lewis, Rose Conrad
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Barbara Nowe, Lillian Keeping

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 27th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone; Server: Aisling Curtin
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Roxie Smith

The Holy Eucharist

The communion settings and hymns today have their origins in gospel music and are taken from 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' - an African American Hymnal, as well as 'Common Praise'.

Music for the communion settings today are found in the service section of the black binders.

The 10:30am service begins with a gospel hymn sing at 10:10am.

Prelude: Pre service hymn sing; Amazing Grace – arr. Schrader

Processional Hymn: #359 'This is the Day'

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.

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 ever living God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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 EZEKIEL

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord. EZEKIEL 37:1-14
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104



O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. R

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. R.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. R.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. R.

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah! R
PSALM 104:25-35, 37B

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you,

and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ACTS 2:1-21

Gradual Hymn # 513 'Guide My Feet'

Gospel

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

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



Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you." JOHN 15:26-27, 16:4B-15

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: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Colorado - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert O'Neill.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax,
The Very Reverend Paul Smith, Dean, and Frances, Rev Heather MacEachern, Deacon, and Blair, Rev Ray Carter, Deacon, and Heather, Rev Dr. Helen Ryding, Assistant Priest, and David Lyttle, Rev Dr. Davena Davis, Honorary Assistant, Rev Ronald Harris, Honorary Assistant, and Gwyneth, Rev Canon Fred Krieger, Honorary Assistant, and Janet, Rev Canon John Smith, Honorary Assistant, and Greg, Rev John Swain, Honorary Assistant, Rev Canon Keirsten Wells, Honorary Assistant, and Tony Barresi.
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 #656 'She Comes Sailing on the Wind'

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

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit
you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through
the hearts of all who believe. 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,
In fulfilment of your promise
you pour forth your Spirit upon us,
filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Sung) Holy, Holy, Holy
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.

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.

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.

Music during Communion

Piano solo: Deep River – arr. Coleridge-Taylor

Hymn: 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness'

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness; Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Choir Anthem: This is my Story – Schraeder

Please join in on the chorus:

This is my story, this is my song

Praising my Saviour, all the day long (repeat)

Prayer after Communion

Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts 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 'I've Got Peace Like a River' (No. 5 in black binder)

I've got peace like a river (repeat)
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2 x)

I've got love like an ocean (repeat)
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2 x)

I've got joy like a fountain (repeat)
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2 x)

NOTICES

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.

The Ladies Guild Sandwich Take Out fundraiser will be held Wednesday, May 30th. Tickets are available. We are looking for a few extra kitchen volunteers from 9am-11am. As well we need drivers to help with food deliveries. Please contact Susan MacMillan 902-634-3019.

NEWSLETTER

Plans are underway to prepare a summer Newsletter to be placed in the church on May 27th. We would like all articles to be forwarded to Brian and Janice Kenefick cynffig@eastlink.ca no later than noon Mon., May 21.

Music Announcements:

Please join us this afternoon for a special Evensong service at 4pm featuring Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir. The choir, based in Halifax, has had phenomenal growth since its founding eight years ago by world percussionist and choral director, Nick Halley. The choir comprises ten men and twelve boys (ages 7-14) and is modelled on the great Anglican tradition of men and boys church choirs. Capella Regalis is an outreach program of Musique Royale and has just released its second CD. Organist for the event is Paul Halley - award-winning composer, choral director and keyboardist. Proceeds from the offering will be given to support the restoration of earthquake damaged churches in the Anglican Diocese of Cuernavaca, Mexico. A reception follows in the church hall. All are warmly invited to attend.

Musique Royale Events at St. John's Church

A Choral Feast with 4 exceptional Choirs!

Sunday, May 27 at 3 pm -

Aeolian Singers - The Road Home: Songs of Wandering and Welcome

Sunday, June 3 at 4 pm - Halifax Camerata Singers

Friday, June 15 at 7 pm - Eastern Horizon Choir

Thurs., June 28 at 7 pm- Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont Royal

All tickets are \$20, available at Shop on the Corner and at the door

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

PreK....Viola/Laura; Kindergarten....Christina/Alex

Grade I....Hughie/Jasmine; Grade II....Louise

Mother's Day Memorials in Loving Memory of:

Evelyn Savory from daughter Carolyn
Isabel May from the family
Our Mothers from Ann and John Perry
Evelyn Hannams from Ann & Carolyn
Isobel Smith from Ben and Roxie
Barbara Daurie from Carrie Skinner and family
Mona Selig from Mark and Nancy
Ida Anderson from Hubert and Children
Frances and Janet Hansen from David, Selina and family
Violet Skinner from Rose, Terry, Jeffrey and family
Jean E. Stoddard and Margaret Demone from Karen, Brian and family
Jean E. Stoddard from daughter Betty, Bob and family
Joyce McIsaac, Pearl Veneau, Marion McIsaac and Viola Dauphinee from Deanna, girls and families
Our Mothers and Grandmothers from Jane, Wilfred, Nicholas and Alexandra

