



St. John's Anglican Church

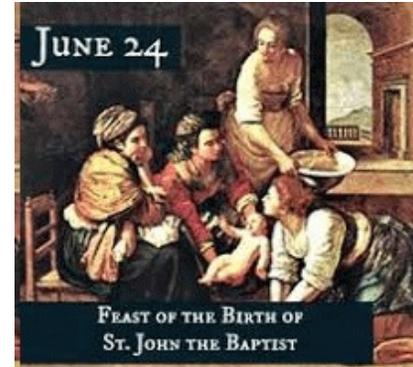
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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.*

Father Alvin's Message

Welcome this morning to the Church of Saint John.



Today the church celebrates the birth or Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. Were you aware that the church celebrates only three nativities? The Nativity of Saint Mary, September 08, The Nativity of Jesus, December 25, and The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 24. Typically, when we celebrate a Saint day, it is the date of their death. Mary, Jesus, and John the Baptist play prominent roles in the stories of the four Evangelists, as well as, leading

roles in the Kingdom of God, hence, the reason the church celebrates their births and their deaths.

John the Baptizer presents to us a very formidable figure, not just because he is dressed in camel's skin and eats locusts and wild honey, but also because he is similar to the great prophets of the Hebrew Sacred Scriptures - Samuel, Elijah, and Elisha. John's way of life and his lifestyle in the Jordanian desert becomes a touchstone for the life of hermits and members of religious communities.

The stories of John's birth has many characteristics to the stories in the Hebrew Sacred Scriptures, for example, Abraham and Sarah. Isaac is the figure into the next stage of God's kingdom, just as John is the figure into the next stage of God's kingdom. Once again, we see God use an insignificant beginning for the growth of His kingdom/reign among mankind here on earth.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

This Edition of the Parish Bulletin
is in Loving Memory of
Father, John Black from daughter
Heather, Oran and family and Father, Frederick Hyson
from son Oran, Heather and family.



Flowers placed in church today are In Loving Memory of June D. Tanner from Carolyn, Rick, Pam, Cathy and Beth.

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: Andantino - Franck

Hymn #344 'From All That Dwells Below the Skies'

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 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 (Spoken)

All 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,
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 God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son 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 ISAIAH

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ISAIAH 40:1-11

PSALM REFRAIN Show us your mercy.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. R

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. R

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. R
PSALM 85:7-13

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

On the sabbath day Paul and his company went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.' My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent."
ACTS 13:14B-26
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 'In the Bulb There is a Flower'

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
LUKE People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. LUKE 1:57-80 The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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, have mercy.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) Rev'd Nicholas Okoh Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Retired Clergy of Chebucto Region.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Rev'd Matthew Lee.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

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.

Choir Anthem: My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness –
Getty/Townend arr. Sorenson

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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 Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #331 'God, We Praise You'

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of our salvation, accept all we offer you this day, and free us
to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness of life;
through Jesus Christ our 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you
thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in the
fellowship of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope
of our calling. Therefore we join our voices with theirs as earth and
heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung)
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. (Sung)
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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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 #85 'Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless';
#612 'Healer of Our Every Ill'

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us
the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the
dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. 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 and 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 #373 'This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made'

Postlude: Summer in the Air! - Scott Joplin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan
10:30am Ann Grandy, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons: Susan MacMillan & Hazel Oliver
Refreshments: Lillian Keeping, Barbara Nowe

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 1ST

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Cathy Ramey
10:30am Mary Meisner, Heather Hyson
Sidespersons & Refreshments: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

NOTICES

Caledonia Orchestra

Celtic music and dance featuring the Caledonia Orchestra of NS will be held at St. John's Anglican Church June 24th 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is \$15.00 for adults.

Music Announcements:

Musique Royale's final event of the Choral Feast Series here at St. John's takes place on Thursday, June 28th, at 7 pm and features the 40 singers from Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont Royal, one of the continent's best-known boy's choirs. Tickets are \$20, available at Shop on the Corner and at the door. Students - \$10, at the door.

Our Wednesday's at Noon Series begins on Wednesday, July 4 and is a special collaboration between St. John's Music Program and Musique Royale. Called '4 SEASONS, 4 VIOLS - Antonio Vivaldi' it features Montreal's Les Voix humaines Consort of Viols : Margaret Little, Mélisande Corriveau, Felix Deak & Susie Napper. The program will be longer than the usual half hour in order to have the opportunity to hear this wonderful presentation - Original arrangements of Vivaldi's '4 Seasons' along with readings of the Seasons poems (as originally published by Vivaldi) and mixed in with a tasty recipe of 20th century favourite seasonal songs. Free will offering.

Church Humour:

Going over our church finances, the Treasurer found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. Not being aware of anyone buying paint, he called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," he told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at this church."

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