

# 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 to the Church of Saint John this morning.

Today's Holy Gospel story is the same as Easter Sunday, the myrrh bearing women finding the tomb empty. Mary of Magdala, Mary Magdalene was one of the women. There are several Marys in the New Testament stories - Mary the Mother of Jesus; Mary of Magdala; Mary of Martha and Lazarus, who lived in Bethany; Mary and Martha of the Holy Gospel of Saint Luke; Mary the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew and Mark); Mary the wife of Clopas (John); and Mary, a member of the community in Rome, to whom Blessed Paul sent his greetings (Romans). That is at least six Marys in the New Testament. Mary was a common name. The early church, over the years, confused the Marys, especially Mary of Martha and Lazarus, Mary of Magdala, and the woman, who was a sinner, who washed and anointed Jesus' feet. Today biblical scholars all agree that Mary of Magdala is not Mary of Martha and Lazarus, nor, is Mary of Magdala the sinner who washed and anointed Jesus' feet at Simon's house. Mary of Magdalene came from Magdala a village in Galilee. Jesus healed her, she was possessed with seven demons. She and several others supported Jesus in his Galilean ministry and accompanied Jesus to Jerusalem. She and several other women witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus. As the Holy Gospel tells us she came to the tomb, then after Peter and John left the empty tomb she the first to see Jesus - Jesus sent her to tell the apostles that He was risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene is the Apostle to the Apostles. *Fr. Alvin*

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**  
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Susan MacMillan  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg  
10:30 am Stephen Lewis, Rose Conrad  
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Jim & Viola Green  
 Refreshments: Les & Velvet Eliuk

**NEXT SUNDAY JULY 29nd**  
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Heather Hyson  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote & Sandra Jordan  
10:30 am Aisling Curtin & Patsy Perkins  
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Denyse & Michael Lee  
 Refreshments: Louise Holdbrook

# The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Music for Flute and Guitar with  
Howard & Beverly Vance Duo

Hymn: #10 'We the Lord's People'

## 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.

## Glory To God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,  
All 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, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection, forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; 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 Judith 9:1, 11-14

Then Judith prostrated herself, put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing. At the very time when the evening incense was being offered in the house of God in Jerusalem, Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice, and said: 'For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, saviour of those without hope. Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!' Judith 9:1, 11-14  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 42: 1-7 REFRAIN My Soul Thirsts for You O God, My God  
As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? R  
My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?" I pour out my soul when I think on these things: how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day. R  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God. R

## A READING FROM 2 Corinthians

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;  
2 Corinthians 5:14-18

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #572 'Let There Be Light'

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to

my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. Saint John 20:1-3, 11-18  
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, hear us in Your love.

## 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

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

#### Offertory Hymn #600 'You Call Us Out to Praise You'

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 of life and health, in your Son Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness of all that is past. Grant that in this eucharist today we may find the healing of all our sins. This we ask in the name of

## 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,  
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 CP#719)  
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 our faith. (Sung) CP #720  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
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. (Sung 3x) CP #721

## 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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

## 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 #74 'For the Bread Which You Have Broken';  
#199 'Who Would Ever Have Believed It'; Music for flute & guitar

## Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing. Grant that all who have shared in holy things may bring your healing to this broken world, 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.

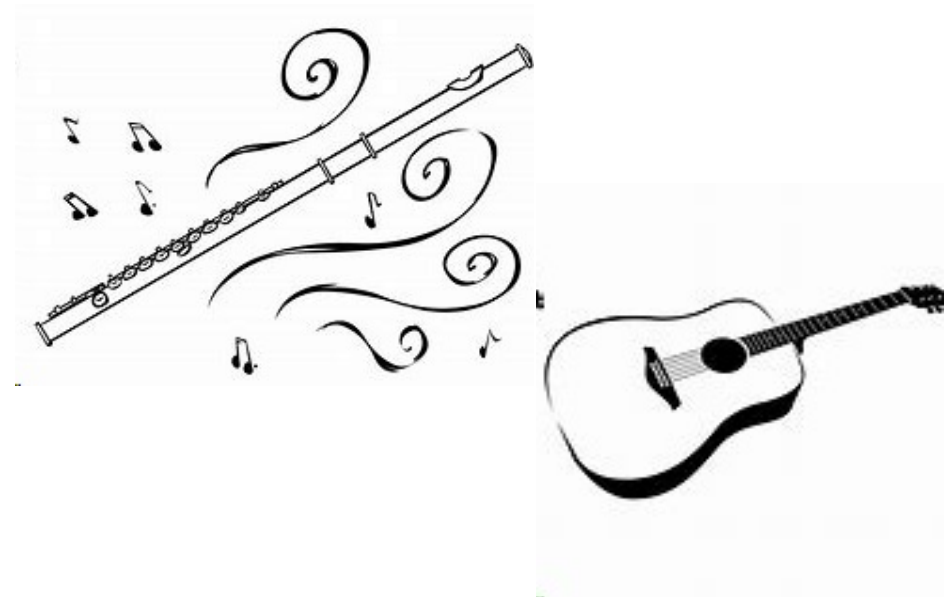
## Blessing & Sending Out

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 #362 'Tell Out, My Soul'

Postlude: Music for flute and guitar



## NOTICES

### Music Announcements:

Welcome! – a warm welcome today to Howard & Beverly Vance who have come to Lunenburg to participate in the Boxwood Festival and we are pleased to welcome them to St. John`s this morning.

‘Wednesdays at Noon’ Series is now in its third season here at St. John`s. Please join us for delightful half hour musical presentations featuring friends of St. John`s Music Program. Our remaining Wednesday events for this summer include:

Wednesday, July 25 at noon - Boxwood Scholarship Recipients - Piper O'Neil-Doak, keyboards, dance, vocals; Allan Evans: harp, flutes  
Wednesday, August 1 at noon - Hodge Podge - Young voices that share beautiful harmonies and a love of singing – led by Mary Knickle  
Wednesday, August 8 at noon - Walter Delahunt - An artist of broad and distinguished experience and currently pianist in Residence at LAMP  
**Wednesday, August 15 at noon** - Glenn Patscha - A pianist with a unique voice steeped in the styles and traditions of New Orleans  
Wednesday, August 22 at noon - Matthew Fraser, organ - A remarkably talented young musician with a passion for organ playing  
Wednesday, August 29 at noon - Magazine General - Musique Royale artists Steve Normandin and Sylvia Briday close out the series in toe tapping tunes from Quebec, the Maritimes and France, played on harmonicas, guitar, piano, and percussions.

A free will offering in support of St. John`s music program is gratefully accepted at our Wednesday programs. We are pleased that many residents and visitors alike enjoy these presentations. For the past 2 years we continue with an added program called `Julia`s Music` taking our guest artists, following their performances at St. John`s, to Harbour View Haven for the enjoyment of residents there.

Community Roots Day Camp: exploring the roots that keep us grounded. August 21, 2018 @St John`s Anglican Church. Cost is free. Children ages 4 - 12 may be registered at: [www.sharenspei.ca](http://www.sharenspei.ca)

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