



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate
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*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.

Welcome to the Church of Saint John this morning. Thank you for taking the time this holiday weekend to attend Church. This Labour Day weekend is a time to remember those who labour for us in industry, educational facilities, farming, fishing and forestry, and those in the caring profession - hospital, hospice and care homes.

In today's Holy Gospel story we see Jesus in a dispute with the Pharisees and Scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, over the traditions of the elders. There is God's law or commandments and the traditions of the elders. The tradition of the elders were some 600 + laws. If you followed these laws then you were considered holy and righteous. The common people were moved by elemental needs. They were under the yoke of the Roman empire and the yoke of the religious authorities. Jesus was aroused to pity and compassion for the human suffering that He saw. The religious leaders were concerned with the details of ritual. As a result, Jesus and the religious authorities clashed. From this point onwards the clash increases until the authorities want to remove Jesus by having Him put to death.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan
10:30 am Roger & Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Susan Foote
10:30 am Blake Starratt, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Carrie & Audrey Skinner
Refreshments: Ann Grandy & Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Lay Readers: 8:30 am
10:30 am Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan
10:30 am Hazel Oliver, Katharine Owen
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Velvet & Les Eliuk
Refreshments: Patti Rhinelander & Jane Ritcey

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting for today is 'Land of Rest'

Prelude: Vater Unser in Himmelreich - J.S. Bach

Hymn: #505 'Be Thou My Vision'

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

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love
of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE SONG OF SONGS

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the
mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in
at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks
and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers
appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice
of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its
figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Song of Songs 2:8-13
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN - God Has Blessed You Forever

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have
fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God
has blessed you for ever. R

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of
righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness
and hate iniquity. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with
the oil of gladness above your fellows. R

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the
music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad. Kings' daughters
stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir. R PSALM 45

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT JAMES

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. St James 1:17-27
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #447 'Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness'

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to

them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

People 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 our prayer.

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 #450 'You Call Us, Lord, To Be'

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

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us
grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in
us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people
who have served you in every age,

we raise our voices
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 #504 'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love';
#634 'Jesus, Remember Me'

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each
other. 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

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 #393 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

Postlude: Toccata in e minor - Johann Pachelbel

NOTICES

Sunday School will reopen Sept 9th. at 10:30 am with a special day of
Christian education and activities.

Music Announcements

The hearty sounds of 'Men of the Deeps' can be heard on Saturday,
September 8 at 7:00 pm at Central United Church in Lunenburg. This
is a special presentation by the Rotary Club of Lunenburg and support
for the good work that they do.

Musique Royale presents its final summer tour with a performance on
Monday, September 17 at 7:30 pm at St. Barnabas Church in Blue
Rocks featuring Sea Songs & Shanties with the Montreal ensemble La
Nef. La Nef explores music of the sea with capstand shanties, halyard
shanties, laments, fore-castle songs, short haul shanties: hear the rich
songs and music that accompany a sailor's work and play. Inspired by
this tradition of Maritime music, Seán Dagher the troupe's musical
director, has banded a chorus of seven male voices together from rich
and colorful musical backgrounds. www.musiqueroyale.com

Anyone interest in volunteering as a church Tour Guide please contact
Jane Ritcey at 902-275-8825. We invite you to participate in this
interesting program as we welcome visitors from all over the world to
St John's and Lunenburg! We'll teach you what you need to know!!

The Annual Fisherman's Memorial Service is 2:00 pm on Sunday September 9, 2018 at the waterfront.

Memorial Service 3:00 pm this afternoon, the 20th anniversary of the crash of Swissair 111 at Bayswater Memorial Site. Reception to follow at the Blandford Community Centre. The theme centres around:

Remembering those who died;
 Recognizing those who worked in the aftermath; and
 Respecting the memory of those who worked in the aftermath.



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