



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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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.

Today we have two healing stories, both healings occur in Gentile territory. The first story is the healing of a Syrophenician's daughter while the second story is the healing of a deaf mute in the Decapolis region. Mark shows the faith - response of the Gentiles which is a sharp contrast with that of the Jewish people. Mark also reminds us and the early followers of Jesus that Jesus is fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah "The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy". (Isaiah 35:5-6) In the second healing, note Jesus' mercy and compassion. He takes the man away from the crowd, put His fingers into his ears, He spat and touched his tongue, then He looked heavenward and said "Ephphatha", that is to say "Be opened". The crowd was astonished by the miracle. Jesus touches our ears to enable us to hear His sacred word and touches our tongues enabling us to proclaim the Good News. Lord Jesus, open our ears in order for us to hear Your word; touch our tongues in order for us to profess the faith; touch our hearts in order for us to love You and our neighbour. *Fr. Alvin*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Lay Readers: 8:30 am
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Linda MacDonald
10:30 am Ann Perry, Cathy Ramey
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Velvet & Les Eliuk

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting for today is 'Missa Nova in C - Tilley'

Prelude: Lyric Pieces, Op. 12 - Grieg

Hymn: #5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Children's Talk

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 PROVERBS

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. R

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. R

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. R

Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever.

PSALM 125

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT JAMES

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #292 'We Cannot Measure How You Heal'

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region

of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." MARK 7:24-37
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 #306 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

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

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you.
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;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining 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 #49 'Draw Near and Take'; #52 'O God,
Unseen Yet Ever Near'; #613 'We Lay Our Broken World'

Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who
have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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 & 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 #592 'Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life'

Postlude: Couperin

NOTICES

Music Announcements

It is a pleasure to welcome Chancel Choir members to choir practice
this coming Thursday Sept. 13 at 7 pm here in the sanctuary. New
members are warmly welcome as well. Chancel choir will meet this
year each Thursday evening instead of Wednesday as has been our
practice in past.

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, forecandle 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. Tickets \$20; at Shop on the Corner
and at the door.

A reminder that the service of Evensong will begin on Sunday, October
6th at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a contemporary service with
readings from Sacred Scriptures, music from a number of traditions and
prayers both traditional and modern. The service is about half (1/2) an
hour long. Hope to see you there.

The deadline for articles to be published in the Thanksgiving Newsletter is midday Monday September 24th. Contact for submissions is newsletter editor Brian Kenefick telephone: 902-764-2145 ; email: cynffig@eastlink.ca

The Annual Fishermen's Memorial Service is this afternoon 2:00 pm at the waterfront.



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