

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 2018
ALL FAMILIES SERVICE



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
LUNENBURG, N.S.

Priest-in-Charge: **The Rev'd Alvin Westgate**

Organist & Choir Director: **Barbara Butler**

PRELUDE: *Harvest Home*..... Lloyd

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*CP 262

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Almighty God,

C. **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.**

The KYRIE is sung by the choir and then sung by all as a round (6 parts):



Lord, have mer- cy, Christ have mer- cy, Lord, have mer - cy. A men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Libby Fraser)

L. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

L. Let us pray...

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may, with us, give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We as this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

C. **Amen.**

St. John's Rings: *With Thankful Hearts*arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from Deuteronomy (Sharon Hill):

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land with streams that flow from springs in the valleys and hills. You can dig for copper in those hills, and the stones are made of iron ore. And you won't go hungry. Wheat and barley fields are everywhere, and so are vineyards and orchards full of fig, pomegranate, and olive trees, and there is plenty of honey.

After you eat and are full, give praise to the Lord your God for the good land he gave you. Make sure that you never forget the Lord or disobey his laws and teachings that I am giving you today. If you always obey them, you will have plenty to eat, and you will build good houses to live in. You will get more and more cattle, sheep, silver, gold, and other possessions.

But when all this happens, don't be proud! Don't forget that you were once slaves in Egypt and that it was the Lord who set you free. Remember how he led you in that huge and frightening desert where poisonous snakes and scorpions live. There was no water, but the Lord split open a rock, and water poured out so you could drink. He also gave you manna, a kind of food your ancestors had never even heard about. The Lord was testing you to make you trust him, so that later on he could be good to you.

When you become successful, don't say, "I'm rich, and I've earned it all myself." Instead, remember that the Lord your God gives you the strength to make a living. That's how he keeps the promise he made to your ancestors. [DEUTERONOMY 8.7-18, CEV]

L. The Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65 *is read responsively* (Emmi and Libby Fraser)

Our God, you deserve praise in Zion, where we keep our promises to you.

Everyone will come to you because you answer prayer.

When our sins get us down, you forgive us.

You bless your chosen ones, and you invite them to live near you in your temple.

We will enjoy your house, the sacred temple.

Our God, you save us, and your fearsome deeds answer our prayers for justice!

You give hope to people everywhere on earth, even those across the sea.

You are strong, and your mighty power put the mountains in place.

You silence the roaring waves and the noisy shouts of the nations.

People far away marvel at your fearsome deeds, and all who live under the sun celebrate and sing because of you.

You take care of the earth and send rain to help the soil grow all kinds of crops.

Your rivers never run dry, and you prepare the earth to produce abundant grain.

You water all its fields and level the lumpy ground.

You send showers of rain to soften the soil and help the plants sprout.

Wherever your footsteps touch the earth, a rich harvest is gathered.

Desert pastures blossom, and mountains celebrate.

Meadows are filled with sheep and goats;

valleys overflow with grain and echo with joyful songs.

[CEV]

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *is sung by the choir and then by all as a round (4 parts):*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lector: Emmi Fraser

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

C **Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men with leprosy came toward him. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

Jesus looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

On their way they were healed. When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God. He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was from the country of Samaria.

Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well." [ST LUKE 17.11-19, CEV]

L. The Gospel of Christ

C. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

FAMILY MESSAGE (Fr Wendell)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P. Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All 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

- L. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs... (*a brief silence is kept*)
- L. For the Church throughout the world, that it may offer to God a harvest of righteousness, praise, and thanksgiving; Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. For all in positions of leadership and trust in this and every nation; Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. For our parish, that we may proclaim the Good News of Jesus in all we say and do; Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. For all who suffer in body, spirit, or mind, and for those who care for them (*especially ...*); Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. For the faithful departed (*especially ...*) that, strengthened by their example and in fellowship with them, may come to the Harvest of Souls together in the Kingdom of God; Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. For our own personal needs, and for all who have asked for our prayers (*pause*); Lord, in your mercy,
- C. Hear our prayer.**
- L. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P. 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.
- P. Most merciful God,
- C. 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.**

P. 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.

C. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: “The Blue Green Hills of Earth” from *Earth Mass*
arranged by Paul Halley

1. *Choir:* For the earth forever turning, for the skies, for every sea
To our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.
2. *All:* Repeat verse 1
3. *All:* For the mountains, hills and pastures, in their silent majesty
For all life, for all the nations, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.
4. *Instrumental verse*
5. *All:* For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the land that makes us free
For the stars, for all the heaven, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.
6. *All:* For the earth forever turning, for the skies, for every sea
To our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (Jasmine Saunders)

L. Source of all life, the heavens and the earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive these symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(FROM *COMMON PRAISE* OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
 loving and faithful, holy and strong.
 You made us and the whole universe,
 and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
 Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
 He suffered on the cross;
 he died to save us from our sins;
 he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
 and clothe us with power from on high.
 And so we join the angels
 to celebrate and sing:

The SANCTUS is sung by the choir and then by all as a round (4 parts):

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

P. Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.
DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU.
THIS IS MY BLOOD, THE NEW PROMISE OF GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE.
DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

The GREAT AMEN is sung by the choir, then by all as a round (4 parts):

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the Great Amen. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The first staff starts with a fermata over the letter 'A' and ends with a fermata over the word 'men.' The second staff starts with a fermata over the letter 'A' and ends with a fermata over the word 'men.' The third staff starts with a fermata over the letter 'A' and ends with a fermata over the word 'men.' The fourth staff starts with a fermata over the letter 'A' and ends with a fermata over the word 'men.'

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All. Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P. Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.
C. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**
P. The gifts of God for the people of God.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

The AGNUS DEI is sung by the choir, and then by all as a round (6 parts):



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy.

THE COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn: *God, Whose Firm Is All Creation*.....CP 261

Choir Anthem: *Grant Us Thy Peace*F. Mendelssohn
Soloist: Edmund Brownless

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION and DOXOLOGY (Jasmine Saunders)

L. Let us pray...
We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen.**

L. Glory to God,

C. **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**

THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P. The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace:
in the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. **Amen.**

P. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Now Thank We All our God*.....CP 399

POSTLUDE: *Pavilioned in Splendour*..... Lloyd

LAY MINISTERS ASSISTING TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Susan MacMillan; **10:30am** Velvet Eliuk, Roger Demone

Lectors: **8:30 am** Sandra Jordan, Cathy Ramey; **10:30 am** Sunday School

Greeters: Carol Andrews with Libby and Eadlin Fraser

Offertory (bread & wine): Sharon Hill and Carol Andrews

Offertory (collection): Jasmine Saunders with Emmi, Libby, and Eadlin Fraser

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 14TH

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Robert MacMillan; **10:30 am** Charlene Demone

Lectors: **8:30 am** Carolyn Hogg, Linda Macdonald; **10:30 am** Rose Conrad, Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: **10:30 am** Haigh & Barbara Carthew

DUTY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Promised Doves... Missy and Olivia Romkey

Brooke Nodding/Emmi Fraser...scheduling family participants

NOTICES

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chester Brass Band

Sunday, October 14 at 3 pm

Tickets are \$15 and available at the door as well as Shop on the Corner

“My Favourite Things” with pianist Robert Kortgaard and soprano Julie Nesrallah

Sunday, October 28 at 4 pm. Advance tickets at \$25 are available at Shop on the Corner

BOOK CLUB

St. John's Church Youth Ministry invites you to the Youth and Adult Book Club, being held at the Parish Hall on October 23rd at 6:30pm. Come prepared to discuss *Does My Head Look Big In This*, by Randa Abdel-Fattah for youth and *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, for adults.

ACW FLEA MARKET AND CANTEEN

St. John's A.C.W. will host a Flea Market and Luncheon Canteen in the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 20th 10am - 1pm. There will be a Bake Table. The Luncheon Canteen will feature LOBSTER ROLLS, Haddock Chowder and home-made desserts. Come have some fun shopping and enjoy the good food. Donations for the bake table, including pickles, jams, jellies, etc. would be greatly appreciated. All donations for the flea market tables should be new or gently used and may be dropped off at the Parish Hall.