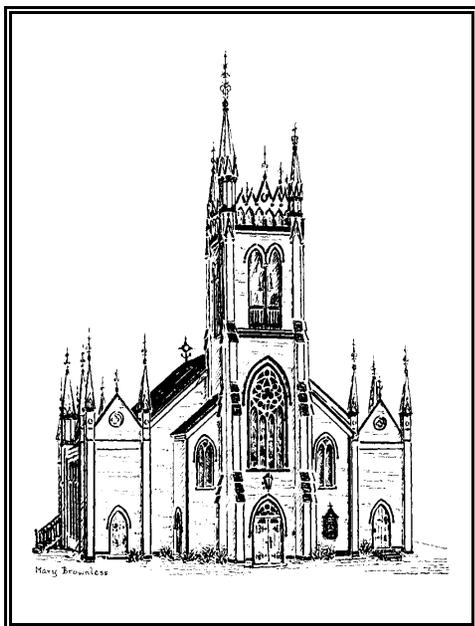


The Octave of All Hallows
November 4, 2018



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.*

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St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John this morning.

Today's scripture reading reminds us of one of the greatest truths in the sacred scriptures, namely, that there are really only two commandments. The first is to love God, while the second is to love our neighbour.

By sabbatical count, 'the law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The scribe's question, to Jesus, as to which commandment was the greatest was frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament; the first in Deuteronomy 6:4, the second in Leviticus 19:18.

What Jesus did was to put the two together, thus emphasizing the essence of both. No rabbi had done this before. The emphasis on love became the hallmark in identifying the religion of those who follow Jesus. Note that the scribe agrees fully with Jesus and goes on to declare that love of God and loving service of others is more important than sacrifices and burnt offerings. Nowhere in the Gospel stories does a scribe emerge in such favourable light.

Where there is no love, let us sow love, and we will reap love.
Where there is no love, let us put love, and we will find love.

I sought God and Him I did not see.
I sought my soul but it eluded me.
I sought my neighbour and found all three.

Alvin+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Roger Demone
Lay Reader: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ben Smith
10:30am Patsy Perkins, Haigh Carthew
Sidespersons: Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

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10:30am Stephen Lewis, Heather Eisenhauer
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The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: All are Mortal – J.S. Bach

Hymn # 276 'For All the Saints'

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.

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, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through 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 RUTH

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Ruth 1:1-18

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN - Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. R

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth; and in that day their thoughts perish. R

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise forever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed; and food to those who hunger. R

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; R

The Lord loves the righteous; The Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. R

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R PSALM 146

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! HEBREWS 9: 11-14
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #285 'The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole

burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question. MARK 12:28-34

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Prayers of the People Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

Response: Lord, hear us in your love.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Kurunegala - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The Parish of Chester, Archdeacon Ian Wissler and Chris; The Parish of Lockeport-Barrington, Rev Doug Chard, Priest-in-Charge.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Matthew Suk-Ho Lee.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;

Clearwater - Atlantic Protector.

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.

All And also with you.

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

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 #278 'Jerusalem the Golden'

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day. May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.
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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;
in the multitude of your saints
you have surrounded us
with so great a cloud of witnesses,
that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and together with them receive the crown of glory
that never fades away.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices 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. 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.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (Sung)

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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:

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 Hymn #52 'O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near'
Anthem during Communion: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
– arr. Stuart Brown (words George Matheson)

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May the unity we know this day live in our community and family. This we pray 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 the 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.

Closing Hymn: "We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection" (Londonderry Air)

1. We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love

Postlude: Toccata in C Major – J.S. Bach

FUNDRAISER FOR RECTORY RENOVATIONS

The interior of the Rectory needs a huge "facelift" that is long overdue. This project will start immediately as we want to create an inviting environment for Rev. Laura Marie to use the Rectory to carry out her ministry in our parish. You can help us "do it right" with a donation to the Rectory Renovation Fund. We are targeting to raise \$10,000 to complement the amount that we feel we can draw from our operating accounts and monies committed from the St. John's Heritage Foundation.

A reminder of our evening of fellowship to express our deep appreciation and thanks to Father Alvin for his contribution to the parish and very special ministry with us over the past 2 years. 5:30 for 6:30pm dinner. Monday, November 26, 2018. Parish Hall. There are Sign-up Sheets in the Church and Parish Hall. Please indicate whether you will be attending and whether you will need a drive. Thank you!

Music Announcements:

Gospel Sunday!

On Sunday, November 18 at our 10:30 service the hymns and communion setting will be gospel based. A hymn sing will precede the service at 10:10 am.

Musique Royale presents the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra on Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 pm. Guest pianist is Blue Rocks native Kathryn Wagner, winner of the orchestra's 2018 concerto competition. Advance tickets are \$25 and available at Shop on the Corner.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30pm. The adults will discuss the book *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. The youth will continue to read "Does My Head Look Big in This" by Randa Abdel-Fattah.

NEXT BAPTISM

The next Service of Holy Baptism will be held Sunday, November 18th at 10:30 am.

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY DUTY SCHEDULE

November 4th

General Assembly...Brooke Nodding; Promised Doves...Missy Romkey
Rainbow Sunshine...Brooke Nodding;
The Giraffes and Music Support...Dr. Hughie Fraser;
Golden Dogs...Lori Nickerson; Music Support...Wendell Eisener

Notices from Family & Youth Ministry

Nov 9th...Random Act of Kindness Family Club...for all ages and members of our community. Let's surprise someone in appreciation for their service to others.

Nov 11th...No Sunday School or Nursery...Sunday School will lay a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of St. John's Church.

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