



"The people were filled with expectation," our Gospel passage starts, as they wonder if John the Baptist was God's Chosen One, the Messiah, the Saviour for all humankind. How easy it would have been for him to say yes, to receive the honour and glory and fame that the people were wanting to shower upon him; even though he knew it did not belong to him. What a powerful teaching we have from John, then, as he clarifies firmly but compassionately that he knows who he is, and what his ministry is; and that he will not allow people to over-inflate their understanding of him. John uses the people's interest to direct their attention towards God, where it belongs. In a culture where so many seek their 15 minutes of fame (by whatever means!), and where celebrities are revered and adored, how refreshing to find the Johns of today: those who know who they are, and whose they are, and help direct others to the truth of God in our midst.

Laura Marie

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz
 Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan
10:30 am Robert MacMillan
 Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Susan Foote
10:30 am Lillian Keeping, Lynn Ellis
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 20th

Lay Readers: 10:30 am Roger & Charlene Demone
 Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg
10:30 am Katharine Owen, Sheila Morris
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

*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.*

Baptism, the Way In!

Baptism has marked entry into the Christian Church from the very beginning. This is why the ancient and medieval churches located the Baptism font in a separate chapel or at the entrance of the Church near the door, to symbolize entry into the church, the Body of Christ.

Over time the symbolism of placement diminished. With liturgical renewal, many churches have relocated their baptism font near the front entrance to reaffirm the centrality of baptism. The placement of our baptism font at St. John's, near the front entrance, is a powerful reminder to us of our entry into the family of God.

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Variations sur le Noel - Guilmant

Hymn 'All are welcome by Marty Haugen'

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 ISAIAH

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ISAIAH 43:1-7

PSALM REFRAIN

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. R

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice, the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. R

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" R

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. R PSALM 29

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Hymn #45 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Gospel

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

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



As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

SERMON

Rev. Laura Marie

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Please kneel or sit for the prayers.
Response: Hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church Australia, The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Rev Darroch Fagan, Priest-in-Charge and Margaret, Christ Church, Cherry Valley, Prince Edward Island, Rev. Dr. G. Wayne Short, Priest-in-Charge, and Sheila.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution; Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.

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 #163 When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

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

 Read by celebrant

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.
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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

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

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 celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,
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 Hymn #644 'Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove'

Anthem during Communion:
Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love! - Powell

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community prays in silence.

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. 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 #385 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'

Postlude: Good Tidings of Great Joy - J. S. Bach

OUR HERITAGE - The Bells

The ten chiming bells in the tower were given by Lt. Col. CE Kaulbach, MP, in 1902. They were cast by a foundry in Troy, New York. The largest bell, the tenor F, weighs 1,800 pounds and is inscribed, "Lord, may these bells forever be a tuneful voice o'er land and sea to call thy people unto thee." This bell also served as the town's fire alarm. There have been eleven chimers since the bells' installation. The chiming stand is in the upstairs gallery by the Fishermen's Window.
By Heritage Ministry

ANNUAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON AND MYSTERY AUCTION

All ladies of St. John's are invited to attend the Annual Potluck Luncheon and Mystery Auction in the parish hall on Monday, January 21 at 12 Noon. There will be lots of good food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend.

Music Announcement: Our eighth annual SouperMarket, presented by the joint choirs and music committee of St. John's Church, takes place on Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall. You're invited to share warmth and friendship with delicious soup, fresh rolls, and decadent desserts in a cheerful café setting. Take-out is available if you wish - \$10 (\$5 for students).

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Committee Reports should be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Parish Hall after the 10:30am service on Sunday, March 3rd. Please bring a favourite dish to share at the Pot Luck meal.

The Lunenburg Christian Unity Service will be held on January 20th at St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, Lunenburg at 7pm. All are welcome!

St. John's is in need of having a volunteer to see that the Food Bank items, collected at the church, are taken to the Food Bank at Central United Church, as needed. Please contact the Parish office if you would enjoy doing this.

JOURNEY TOWARDS RECOVERY

A Musical Event Fundraiser in support of Joseph Carnevale and Family will be held Sunday, January 27th at 2:00pm (snow date February 3rd) here at St. John's Anglican Church. There will be a Good will offering at the door. Featured will be The Dairy Farm Kids, Janice Robers & Malarky, John Barr, Hank Middleton & Collage, The Lunenburg County Fiddlers, Patricia Watson & John Bird. Special video release "You Got the Power" by Patricia Watson.

DUTY SCHEDULE

Promised Doves...Anne Spence...Laura Eisner
Rainbow Sunshine...Emmi Fraser...Jasmine Saunders
The Giraffes...Dr. Hughie Fraser; Golden Dogs...Brooke Nodding
General Assembly...Brooke Nodding
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