



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz
 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.*

Heritage  **Faith**  **Vision**
 St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

PRELUDE: July from 'The Seasons' - Tchaikovsky

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # 430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you we open our hearts, and we share all our hopes, and you know all our secrets. We ask for your Holy Spirit to help us keep our thoughts and actions pure so that we can love you entirely, and keep your name holy. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray...

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for choosing us to be your family, and for letting us serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to us, to strengthen our faith that we can live our lives as you desire. We ask this through Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah:
 On the first day of the seventh month, the people came together in the open area in front of the Water Gate. Then they asked Ezra, who was a teacher of the Law of Moses, to read to them from this Law that the Lord had given his people. Ezra the priest came with the Law and stood before the crowd of men, women, and the children who were old enough to understand. From early morning till noon, he read the Law of Moses to them, and they listened carefully. Ezra

stood on a high wooden platform that had been built for this occasion, where he could be seen by everyone, and when he opened the book, all the people stood up. Ezra praised the great LORD God, and they lifted their hands, shouting "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed with their faces to the ground and worshiped the Lord. After this, some of the Levites went among the people, explaining the meaning of what Ezra had read. The people started crying when God's Law was read to them. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher, and the Levites who had been teaching the people all said, "This is a special day for the LORD your God. So don't be sad and don't cry!" Nehemiah told the people, "Enjoy your good food and wine and share some with those who didn't have anything to bring. Don't be sad! This is a special day for the Lord, and he will make you happy and strong." [NEHEMIAH 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, CEV]

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

Everywhere I look,
I see your glory!
The news travel far and wide,
from morning until night.
Without anyone saying anything,
the word gets out about you!
You position yourself for everyone to see,
Everyone can feel the fire of your presence.
Your rules are perfect,
Keeping us happy, and filling our hearts.
You make everything clear,
and you always give us the Truth.
We can always count on Your word,
the thing that we treasure the most.
When we keep your commandments
We experience blessings more than we can imagine!
Help keep us humble,
save us from our worst self,
help us to face our fears,
keep us in your thoughts and in your heart.
You are the rock we cling to,
keep us strong in our faith!

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians:

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit. Our bodies don't have just one part. They have many parts. Suppose a foot says, "I'm not a hand, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the foot still belong to the body? Or suppose an ear says, "I'm not an eye, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the ear still belong to the body? If our bodies were only an eye, we couldn't hear a thing. And if they were only an ear, we couldn't smell a thing. But God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best. A body isn't really a body, unless there is more than one part. It takes many parts to make a single body. That's why the eyes cannot say they don't need the hands. That's also why the head cannot say it doesn't need the feet. In fact, we cannot get along without the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest. We take special care to dress up some parts of our bodies. We are modest about our personal parts, but we don't have to be modest about other parts. God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring about the others. If one part of our body hurts, we hurt all over. If one part of our body is honoured, the whole body will be happy. Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body. First, God chose some people to be apostles and prophets and teachers for the church. But he also chose some to work miracles or heal the sick or help others or be leaders or speak different kinds of languages. Not everyone is an apostle. Not everyone is a prophet. Not everyone is a teacher. Not everyone can work miracles. Not everyone can heal the sick. Not everyone can speak different kinds of languages. Not everyone can tell what these languages mean. I want you to desire the best gifts.^b So I will show you a much better way.

[1 Corinthians 12.12-31a CEV]

Lector: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to
Saint Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

[LUKE 4.14-21, NRSV]

Celebrant: The Good News of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

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

God, we pray for family, friends, pets, and others in our everyday life.

We pray to keep them healthy, safe and happy. We love them!

All: God hears us when we pray.

God, we pray for our bishops, doctors, teachers, coaches, our Sunday School teachers and caregivers. We pray they keep believing in what they are teaching and guiding us forward. We pray that teachers make sure we are learning and doing our homework. We pray that coaches support us, the team and make sure we have fun.

All: God hears us when we pray.

God, we pray for the Queen, for the Prime Minister, and everyone in government. We pray they make good choices, have integrity, are honest and open to new ideas. We pray they work together to make decisions.

All: God hears us when we pray.

God, we pray for people with disabilities, who are in need of help, those who can't be helped and those who don't know they need help. We pray that they overcome darkness.
All: God hears us when we pray.

God, we pray for ourselves. Guide us and show us the path we should take. Strengthen us, keep us believing in ourselves and be grateful for what we have. Remind us you love us and watch over us every day.
All: God hears us when we pray.

God, we pray for the world. We pray for countries in need or in trouble. Keep the world clean, safe and peaceful. Let everyone get along and build friendships.
All: God hears us when we pray.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is constant in love, and always forgives us. God welcomes us all to share in the holy meal. Before we are fed, we confess the times that we have turned against God.
God of mercy:

All: We confess that we have turned away from you,
In our thoughts, our words, and our actions,
By what we have done, and what we have not done.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts
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.
All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us offer to one another a sign of God's peace!

OFFERTORY HYMN # 619 'Fairest Lord Jesus'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Loving God, you have known us from the beginning of time. We ask that what we offer you today will be holy in your sight, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Fairest Lord Jesus'. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 3/8 time. The melody begins with a quarter note G, followed by quarter notes A, B, and C, then a quarter rest, and continues with quarter notes D, E, F, and G. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes G, A, B, and C, then a quarter rest, and continues with quarter notes D, E, F, and G. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.' are written below the notes.

Celebrant: 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 unending love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

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

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.

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God, given for all of us - for we are the family of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #56 'I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life'

Anthem during Communion: Let Us Light a Candle - Shepherd

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray...

Gracious God, you invited us to feast at your celebration of love. May we, who have been fed at your holy table, be strengthened to serve you in the world. We ask this through Jesus, your Son.

All: Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon each of you, those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve, now and forever.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #309 'Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet'

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude in Classic Style – Young

NOTICES

Random Act of Kindness Club: February 8th, 6:30pm Parish Hall.

Book Club/Wine and Cheese: February 26th at 7:00pm at the Rectory.

"The Hobbit" by J. R. R. Tolkien.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT- CELEBRATING TIME TOGETHER

Join us on Feb. 22nd for a night out with our families at St. John's.

Children will play in the Family Fellowship Room under the watchful eye of the older generation. Meanwhile, the parents will be hosted for dinner at the rectory with Laura Marie. Drop off time for the children is 6:00pm. If you are free to join Rena and Henry at the parish hall please leave a message at renademone@gmail.com or 902-634-9644. We can plan our own fun.

MISSING CREAM PITCHERS

Three of the small cream pitchers from the recently purchased cream and sugar sets are missing. If someone has borrowed them, it would be greatly appreciated if they could be returned to the kitchen.

Thank you very much.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Committee Reports should be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office no later than February 7th.

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).

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.

OUR HERITAGE

A short history of the Parish of St. John's, Lunenburg

The Parish was established in Halifax in late 1752 before the 1440 'Foreign Protestants', which also included some English artisans and military personnel, moved to Lunenburg in June 1753 thereby establishing the town.

The Foreign Protestants had been recruited by an agent of the British Government along the Rhine River and its Tributaries. The majority came from the Frankfurt-Heidleburg area. Another large group came from Montbeliard now in South Eastern France, who were French speaking Lutherans. The majority language of the community was German. The second language French and minority English. There was probably only one person who was proficient in all three languages, namely the magistrate, a Swiss, Sebastien Zouberbuhler. The Parish History tells us that Communications problems are not an invention of the 20th century.

By Heritage Ministry

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