

No Excuses! Jeremiah, in today's passage, speaks to God in a way that so many of us can relate to. In trying to be humble and respectful of God and the elders, he makes an excuse. "I am only a boy" he says. We hear other excuses come from our own lips... "that's not my area of expertise" or "I don't have time" or "I'm too tired" or... God's response to Jeremiah is just as it is to each of us. Rather than accepting an excuse, God reminds us that we have been given exactly what we need to be messengers of grace and love. It is our privilege to live out our baptismal vows, for the glory of God. May we go in loving service, bringing God's Good News to all who will listen!

Laura Marie

# 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.*

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**  
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Roger Demone  
10:30 am Susan MacMillan  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Maureen Moffatt  
10:30 am Stephen Lewis, Patsy Perkins  
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

**NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10th**  
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan  
10:30 am Charlene Demone  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Carolyn Hogg  
10:30 am Rose Conrad, Aisling Curtin  
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Carrie & Audrey Skinner



# The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Adagio - Mendelssohn

Hymn #335 'How Shall I Sing That Majesty'

## 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.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; 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 JEREMIAH

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." JEREMIAH 1:4-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 71:1-6

REFRAIN From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. R

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. R

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you. R

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not

irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

### Gospel Hymn #561 'Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us'

Gospel 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.



Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

Then they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of

Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. LUKE 4:21-30

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: Lord, hear our prayer.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Holy Trinity, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island, Rev David Garrett, Rev Ralph Moore and Bonnie; St. Alban's, Souris, St. George's, Montague; St. Mary and St. John, PEI, Rev Colin Nicolle and Shannon, Rev Ned Henthorn, Associate Parish Priest, and Arlene.  
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Matthew Suk-Ho Lee.  
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

### 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 #494 'Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels'

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 steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.  
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

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

#78 'Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness'

Anthem during Communion:  
Bread of the World – Abdenour

### Prayer after Communion

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

Source of all goodness, in this Eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, 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 #428 'God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness'

Postlude: Fugue in D minor – Mendelssohn

### OUR HERITAGE

A short history of the Parish of St. John's, Lunenburg (Continued)  
The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG), (a Philanthropic group based in England) agreed to pay the stipend of The Missionary and continued to do so, well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Government, which was experimenting with the concept of settling an area provided funds to build a church. Previously Trading Companies in exchange for Trading privileges had carried out the mechanics of settling communities which were developed largely to serve the company. (To be continued)  
By Heritage Ministry

### NOTICES

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

### ANNUAL REPORTS

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

It is time to get started with the preparation of the Spring Newsletter. All submissions should be forwarded to Brian Kenefick no later than Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Email him at [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

- Youth and Family Ministry will be collecting travel sized items in a basket at the back of the church to be locally donated. Anyone travelling over the next few months is encouraged to bring home those toiletries to donate.
- Random Act of Kindness Club: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Parish Hall. Book Club/Wine and Cheese: February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Rectory. "The Hobbit" by J. R. R. Tolkien.
- Family Fellowship Night- Celebrating Time Together: Join us on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6pm. If you are free to join Rena and Henry at the parish hall please leave a message at [renademone@gmail.com](mailto:renademone@gmail.com) or 902-634-9644. We can plan our own fun.

### SouperMarket



Looking for a way to brighten winter? St. John's Church, Lunenburg has the solution! On Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm, the St. John's choirs and music committee are hosting SouperMarket, featuring hearty soups, fresh rolls, and decadent desserts, all freshly made and served in a cheerful café setting. There are many varieties of soups from which to choose, and

take-out is available if you prefer. The event takes place in St. John's Parish Hall, 64 Townsend Street; admission is \$10 (\$5 for students). Come in out of the cold!



### Children in Church

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

### DUTY SCHEDULE

Promised Doves...Oc Acton Bond...Laura Eisner  
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