



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Rev. 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.*

Many of us are familiar with the Sermon on the Mount, told in the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel passage shares the same teachings, but Luke has Jesus situated "on a level place" among the crowd.

It doesn't change the meaning of what Jesus is saying, but the location matters for Luke. The word "level" was quite nuanced at the time for the Jewish community, with some of the prophets using it to represent a negative reality: a cemetery, a place of desolation, grief, and misery.

For Luke, this emphasizes the Good News. Jesus is amidst the difficult earthly reality of "the level" where the people are gathered, and where they live their lives. And in stark contrast to this, he proclaims salvation through the Son of Man. He assures them of the promise of renewal in the Heavenly and eternal realm.

Though this is a difficult teaching, it invites us to hear it in our own lives, our own places: it's easy to focus on the struggles and sorrows of this life, but Jesus calls for us to live in the faith that bears the Good News. It is an invitation to see the "level" places in the world around us, and to work to overcome them as a foretaste of the Kingdom.

Laura Marie

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Rev. Linda Macdonald

10:30 am Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Ben Smith

10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Sharon Green

Sidespersons: Howard Keeping, Lillian Keeping

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan

10:30 am Heather Hyson

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30am Sunday School

Sidespersons: Mary King

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: Canon Op. 38, No. 8 - Grieg

Hymn #9 'Today I Awake'

CHILDREN'S TALK

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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.

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ
healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with
compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make
whole all peoples and nations; 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 JEREMIAH

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt
land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They
shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It
shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year
of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart
is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord
test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings. JEREMIAH 17:5-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their
delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. R

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is
not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. R

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement
comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the
way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. R PSALM 1

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can
some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has
not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has
been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we

testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

I CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 'This Is My Father's World'

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Gospel

The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.
THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
LUKE People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

LUKE 6:17-26

SERMON

Rev. Laura Marie

The Nicene Creed Let us confess our faith, as we say,
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: Parish of the Resurrection, Sydney, Rev Peter Rafuse
and Mary, Rev Roslyn MacLeod, Associate Parish Priest, Rev Jackie
Warren, Associate Parish Priest.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
and Rev'd Rick Pryce and Deborah.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams
Clearwater - Fundy Leader

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 #375 'At the Name of Jesus'
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

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. 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.

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to Holy Communion,
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Communion, hymns may be sung, silence may be kept.

Communion Hymns #59 Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him'; #612 'Healer of Our Every Ill'



The Prayer after Communion Read by celebrant

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this 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 & Dismissal

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 #565 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

Postlude: Grand Choeur in G Minor - Dubois

NOTICES

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.
- Book Club/Wine and Cheese: February 26th at 7:00pm at the Rectory. "The Hobbit" by J. R. R. Tolkien.
- One of our initiatives this year is to create events supporting intergenerational fellowship within our parish. Our next Family Fellowship event will be on February 22nd. Rev. Laura Marie will be hosting the younger generation for dinner at her home at 6:30 PM. You don't have to be a parent or a regular at our Sunday School to attend. Those who are parents can drop their children off at the FFR any time after 6:00 PM. Folks from the "earlier generation" have already kindly offered to watch over the little ones while they play with their friends and also to serve them dinner.

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. Keep the Annual Meeting in your prayers.

Music Announcement: Next Sunday, February 24 at 10:30 am our service music and hymns will be gospel themed.

Many thanks to all of you who took part in our 'Soupermarket' last Saturday. Appreciation is extended to all those who made such delicious soups and desserts for all to enjoy. Sharing this time together was very special and we were delighted to raise \$1,000 to be added to music fund raising for the year. As always, an exciting year is in the planning stages. Thank you all so very much.

The Heritage Committee announce that the Memorial Document (Book) is available for review by the parishioners starting today. It is located on the table at the back of the center aisle, left side of Nave. There is a stand indicating what it is and instructions not to remove it.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Supporting Souls Harbour in Bridgewater

The HOLY WALKAMOLIES is a team of St John's folks and friends who will be participating in the Bridgewater Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser! We will be collecting pledges and funds for our walk next Saturday, 23 February. If you would like more information, or to sponsor us, please contact Emmi Fraser or Rev. Laura Marie.

OUR HERITAGE

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

He was buried under the church on February 15, 1770. (The early church followed the custom of burying prominent parishioners in the crypt. We know of 17 burials under St. John's - three being former rectors and the remainder, prominent members of the laity or their children. No burials have been made under the church since 1826.) It was in 1767 that the German speaking congregation obtained its first rector, Rev. Paulus Bryzelius who conducted the service in German.
(To be continued)

By Heritage Ministry



DUTY SCHEDULE

Promised Doves...Missy Romkey...Laura Eisner...Olivia Romkey
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