



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.*

Grudges are fascinating: they begin with an offence, which causes lingering pain or anger, and they are carried exclusively by the one who was offended. The burden does not linger with the one who committed the offence; it weighs on the injured party and influences how they view the world. They can become more cynical and critical, and therefore miss out on the joys of everyday life.

This is why forgiveness is so powerful: when an injured party decides that the pain has had enough time and influence in their life, and refuses to let it cast a negative shadow on the present and future. Again, the one who committed the offence is not necessarily impacted, but the grudge-bearer finds a spiritual liberation, a freedom from that burden. It does not suggest that the offence itself has become acceptable, but that the person offended will no longer be weighed down by the injury caused.

This is the message of our Genesis reading today: the gift of forgiveness. Joseph, despite all the challenges in his life caused by his brothers, has forgiven them. He has refused to continue to live in the hurt of their betrayal, and so is able to welcome them in their time of need. He has chosen reconciliation over resentment, and so is able to engage with the world around him with compassion and love. He has chosen a holy response to an unbearable situation; to cast aside any previous grudges and embrace the grace that God has brought before him.

What a beautiful message of forgiveness that Joseph teaches: to his brothers, to his community, and to people of faith throughout history.
Rev. Laura Marie

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 10:30 am Heather Hyson

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30am Sunday School Families

Sidespersons: Heather & Oran Hyson, Morgan Nodding, Eli Bence

Offertory - Bread & Wine - Audrey Morgan, Gill Osmond

Collection - Brooke & Morgan Nodding, Claire-Louise Osmond, Eli Bence

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 3RD

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Charlene Demone; 10:30 am Roger Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Maureen Moffatt

10:30am Ann Grandy, Heather Hyson

Sidespersons: Denyse & Michael Lee

The Holy Eucharist & Intergeneration Family Service

The Communion setting today comes from 'Lift Every Voice and Sing', an African American Hymnal

Prelude: Gospel Sing-along (Black Binders and Common Praise)

Please Stand and join in singing:
Processional Hymn #359 'This is the Day'

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Glory To God

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name (repeat)
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 the Father. Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise
your Holy name (repeat) Amen
Music by Carl Haywood – from 'Mass for Grace'

The Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray...

All: Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus showed us your love through his actions. We ask you to share your grace to make us strong in the faith, that we might serve you every day. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis: Claire-Louise Osmond & Eli Bence

Joseph asked his brothers if his father was still alive, but they were too frightened to answer. Joseph told them to come closer to him, and when they did, he said: Yes, I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. God is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives. There has already been a famine for two years, and for five more years no one will plow fields or harvest grain. But God sent me on ahead of you to keep your families alive and to save you in this wonderful way. After all, you weren't really the ones who sent me here—it was God. He made me the highest official in the king's court and placed me over all Egypt. Now hurry back and tell my father that his son Joseph says, "God has made me ruler of Egypt. Come here as quickly as you can. You will live near me in the region of Goshen with your children and grandchildren, as well as with your sheep, goats, cattle, and everything else you own. I will take care of you there during the next five years of famine. But if you don't come, you and your family and your animals will starve to death." Joseph was still crying as he kissed each of his other brothers. After this, they started talking with Joseph.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Lector: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37 1-11, 39-40

Morgan Nodding

We should try to not worry so much about those who make bad choices,
About those who seem to seek harm, they will not last long.
We should focus more on God, on trusting God.
We should calm down and be more at peace with things.
We should spend more time remembering how wonderful God is with us.
We need to offer everything to God, and be confident that God will do right for us.
Be still for a moment,
Wait for God, listen to God.
Stop spending so much time worrying about those who scheme against you;
It will do you know good; remember that God will take care of them.
We only have to wait for God and we will receive plenty.
When we are right with God, we will never fail; we will find knowledge and wisdom.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians Gill Osmond

Some of you have asked, "How will the dead be raised to life? What kind of bodies will they have?" Don't be foolish. A seed must die before it can sprout from the ground. Wheat seeds and all other seeds look different from the sprouts that come up. This is because God gives everything the kind of body he wants it to have. That's how it will be when our bodies are raised to life. These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live forever. These ugly and weak bodies will become beautiful and strong. As surely as there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. And our physical bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies. The first man was named Adam, and the Scriptures tell us that he was a living person. But Jesus, who may be called the last Adam, is a life-giving spirit. We see that the one with a spiritual body did not come first. He came after the one who had a physical body. The first man was made from the dust of the earth, but the second man came from heaven. Everyone on earth has a body like the body of the one who was made from the dust of the earth. And everyone in heaven has a body like the body of the one who came from heaven. Just as we are like the one who was made out of earth, we will be like the one who came from heaven. My friends, I want you to know that our bodies of flesh and blood will decay. This means that they cannot share in God's kingdom, which lasts forever. 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Hymn 'God is so good' (No. 10 Black Binder)

God is so good (3x) He's so good to me

He cares for me (3x) He's so good to me

He's all I need (3x) He's so good to me

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.

"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you. "If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend

expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. "Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return." (Luke 6.27-38)

Celebrant: The Good News of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: 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!

God hears us when we pray:

Lord, Hear our Prayer

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.

God hears us when we pray:

Lord, Hear our Prayer

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.

God hears us when we pray:
Lord, Hear our Prayer

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.

God hears us when we pray:
Lord, Hear our Prayer

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.

God hears us when we pray:
Lord, Hear our Prayer

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.

God hears us when we pray:
Lord, Hear our Prayer

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!

Choir Anthem

'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' – Arr. Geordie Roberts

The Offertory

Hymn #513 'Guide My Feet'

Parishioners share in gathering the offering of God's people.

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

All: Merciful God, we offer you our best gifts; help us to love you with all our heart, and to love all your people as you do. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Sung) Holy, Holy (repeat)

Holy, Lord God of hosts

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest (repeat)

Music by Grayson Warren Brown from 'A Mass for a Soulful People'

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 SANCTUS

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 unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

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

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

Lamb of God

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

Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

*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.*

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

Communion Hymn 'Let Us Break Bread Together'

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees). Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees, (yes, on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (yes, on our knees). Refrain

Communion Hymn 'His Eye is on the Sparrow' (No. 4 Black Binder)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray...

All: Generous God, we celebrate your love for us and for all your people. We ask you to strengthen us with these holy gifts, that we will show your love to the world in all we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

BLESSING

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.

Closing Hymn: 'God Be With You'
 God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again
 God Be With You (repeat 2x), Until we meet again

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
 All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Lord, Listen to Your Children - Schrader

The Worship has ended. Our Service to the world begins.

NOTICES

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.



**March 5th Shrove Tuesday
 Annual Pancake Supper
 5:00 - 7:00pm - Free Will Offering
 with proceeds going towards our
 sponsored child through World
 Vision.**

Book Club/Wine and Cheese:
 February 26th at 7:00pm at the Rectory. "The Hobbit" by J. R. R. Tolkien.

There will be no Sunday School or Nursery on March 17th, the first Sunday of March break. March 24th is Family Service. Nursery and full classes will resume on March 31st.

There will be First Communion Classes with Rev. Laura Marie, for children in Grade 3 and up consisting of four-45 minute classes with two time options-Sundays March 24th at 1:00pm or Tuesdays March 26th at 6:00pm.

MORE Mission School

Wednesday, Feb. 27 at midnight is the DEADLINE to register for MORE Mission School set for Saturday, March 2 in Holy Trinity, Liverpool.
 REGISTER: www.nspeidiocese.ca (or phone Lisa - 902-420-0717, ext 1169)

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.

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