



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.*

This week, our liturgical calendar is going to invite us to shift gears. We are transitioning from the period of exuberance and joy (Epiphany), into the period of contemplation and service (Lent). Designated with the colour purple, Lent encourages a discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a season of being more intentional about the use of our whole selves: our time dedicated to communication with God through prayer; our self-awareness of needs and limitations through fasting; our service to the world through generosity of means through almsgivings. These actions are meant to bring our hearts closer to God and to one another, as we spend a penitential 40 days preparing for the joy of Easter. As you prepare for your own Lenten journey, I invite you to consider what in your life is keeping you from a deeper relationship with God and the world: perhaps skipping one TV show to allow time for prayer, or trading store-bought coffee for homemade (and donating the difference to a charity), or making a treat to share with a lonely neighbour, or... the possibilities are numerous, and as unique as we are. Whatever your practices are for this Lenten season, I hope that it will be a holy time.

Our season of Lent begins this Wednesday with prayer: a Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes will take place at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Charlene Demone
10:30 am Roger Demone, Stephen Lewis
Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Ann Grandy, Heather Hyson
Sidespersons: Heather & Oran Hyson

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan
10:30 am Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Gill Osmond
10:30am Bruce Holdbrook, Lillian Keeping
Sidespersons: Denyse & Michael Lee

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Land of Rest

Prelude: He Who Relies on God's Command - J.S. Bach
Prelude in A minor - Goltermann

Hymn #5 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

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 God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 EXODUS

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm Refrain The Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. R

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One. R

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. R

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. R
PSALM 99

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #560 'God Whose Almighty Word'

Gospel

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.
LUKE 9:28-36

SERMON

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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 Neil's Harbour, The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp; Parish of St. Alban's, Sydney, Archdeacon Brenda Drake; St. John The Baptist, North Sydney, Rev Julio Martin Trejo, and Imelda; Parish of Sydney Mines/Baddeck, Rev Stacey LeMoine and Ted.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev'd Laura Marie Piotrowicz.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Picton Castle;
Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

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 #460 'Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining'
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

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our 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 #64 'Author of Life Divine';
#645 'Come Down O Love Divine'

The Prayer after Communion Read by celebrant

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and
deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name. 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 #372 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height'

Postlude: Moderato in C - Rinck

NOTICES

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Parish Hall after the
10:30am service today. Plan to stay for the Pot Luck meal.

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP Please join us in the parish hall for coffee and
fellowship following the 10.30 services during Lent.



TIME CHANGE! Please remember that clocks change one
hour forward next Sunday, March 10th!!

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.
- We will be issuing Food Bank Challenges to the Parish over the coming months based on the needs of our local food bank. In celebration of upcoming St. Patrick's Day we will be collecting ANYTHING GREEN! Let's see how many green foods we can collect before March 17. Place in the bins at the back of the church and we will tally our total donations.

Music Announcement:

Music and Meditation for Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday at noon. Our featured guests are violinist Bonnie Romkey and cellist Ifan Williams. We hope you are able to share this half hour with us. Free will offering in support of St. John's music program.

Do you have any favourite hymns that are not in 'Common Praise'? Do let Barbara know and copies will be placed in the congregational black binders that are used on 'gospel' Sundays.

Musique Royale presents the Vancouver Chamber Choir here at St. John's Church on Sunday, March 10 at 3 pm. The Vancouver Chamber Choir will be honouring director Jon Washburn's contribution to the Canadian choral landscape in a coast-to-coast tour which began in the Prairies in late February and continues through Central and Atlantic Canada. Jon Washburn retires from the choir after a long, distinguished career and the concert at St. John's Church in Lunenburg will be his final tour performance. Advance tickets: \$25 (\$30 at the door). Tickets are on sale at Shop on the Corner in Lunenburg and will also be available at the door on the afternoon of the performance.

The Heritage Committee announce that the Memorial Document (Book) is available for review by the parishioners. At the back of the book there are blank pages for comments, errors or omissions. It is located on the table at the back of the centre aisle, left side of Nave. There is a stand indicating what it is and instructions not to remove it.

OUR HERITAGE

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

The church was built from wood which came from Boston because sawmills had not yet been established in Nova Scotia. The building was a simple structure 60' x 40' with a flat plastered ceiling. In its long history it was never demolished but was much altered in the period 1871-1892.

In the first century of the parish, the only major structural change which took place was the building of the second tower which took place in the early 1840's. It was higher than the previous one and contained a "Singing Pew" which accommodated the choir.

(To be continued)

By Heritage Ministry

DUTY SCHEDULE

Promised Doves...Alexandria Acton-Bond...Laura Eisner
Rainbow Sunshine...Emmi Fraser
The Giraffes...Dr. Hughie Fraser
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