



I was asked this week: "Can we have Green Communion Wine?" Well, friends, it *is* St Patrick's Day! And isn't everyone Irish on St Patrick's Day? Actually, no. Even Patrick wasn't Irish - an English youth kidnapped into slavery, a daring escape and return to England, before his own Christian conversion, and return to the Emerald Isle to spread the Gospel. With a questionable past, he and his followers established Christianity in Ireland - making him one of 3 patron

saints (alongside Brigid and Columba).

Patrick is a man of legend (quite literally - the staff-into-tree thing is unsubstantiated, the shamrock idea first appeared in writing some 1,000 years after his death, the island had never had snakes to begin with...). It is this legendary Patrick that interconnected with the cultural celebrations with green beer and pinching leprechauns.

But Patrick is also a man of faith; a deep and continual faith in the goodness of God and the promise of eternal salvation. His "Breastplate" hymn has withstood the test of time, his examples of teaching locally have inspired generations, his name graces countless churches and cathedrals. Patrick is certainly to be remembered for his service to God and to the Christian tradition!

So enjoy the day - get your green on, search for leprechauns, speak with an Irish accent: but also recall the great gift of faith that was passed along through such missionaries as Patrick!

Rev. Laura Marie

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan; 10:30 am Stephen Lewis
Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Ed Jordan
10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Haigh Carthew
Sidespersons: Peter & Lydia Smith, Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 24th
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Roger Demone; 10:30 am Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Roxie Smith
10:30am Stephen Lewis, Patsy Perkins
Sidespersons: Sunday School

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Schubert/Proulx

Prelude: Durch Adams Fall - Buxtehude

Please Stand and join in singing:

Processional Hymn #393 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. The community prays silently.
The celebrant then says the collect.

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

God brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? R.

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. R.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. R.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. R

PSALM 27

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Philippians 3:17-4:1
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #558 'God, When I Stand, No Path Before Me'

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.



At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as

a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" LUKE 13:31-35

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz



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, have mercy.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Parish of Canso, Rev Susan Slater and Lief;
Parish of Three Harbours, Archdeacon Sue Channen and Bob.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Blue Rocks and The Rev'd John Wright.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: 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 #468 'To Abraham and Sarah'

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 Read by celebrant

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy
Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He
lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of
all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to
bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for
you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give
up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings
us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our
voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord #735

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering
and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is
my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do
it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you
have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask
you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with
the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we
may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All
glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the
holy Church, now and for ever. Amen.

All Christ Has Died #738

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:

Celebrant: We break this bread.

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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#747

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 Hymn #64 'Author of Life Divine'
#511 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me'

Choir Anthem: 'Jesus My Breath, My Lord, My Life' - Carter

The Prayer after Communion Read by celebrant

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy
mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through
Jesus Christ our 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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #505 'Be Thou My Vision'

Postlude: Fantasia in C minor - J. S. Bach

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

NOTICES

A Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz will
be held here at St. John's March 31st at 4pm.

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

BAPTISM will be held on Holy Saturday, April 20th at 4pm. Please
contact the Parish office if you or a child would like to be baptised.

First Communion Classes will be held 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 6pm.

Hard to believe, but we are getting ready to produce the Lenten/Easter
Newsletter. Please email our editor, Brian Kenefick with your articles
cynffig@eastlink.ca no later than April 8th.

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

LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The annual Lunenburg Lenten Café will be held once again at Zion
Lutheran Church the Wednesdays in Lent, from 11am - 11:45am.
Each week, various clergy lead a creative worship and reflection.

Offering to the Lunenburg Food Bank
March 20 - St. Andrew's Presbyterian
March 27 - St. Norbert's Roman Catholic
April 3 - Central United
April 10 - St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks

We are in search of people to fill in for vacations of the parish
custodian and secretary. If you are interested in working part time
during illness and vacations please contact the office.

Music Announcements:

Our featured guest at this week's Music and Meditation is organist John Scott. 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 Symphony Nova Scotia here at St. John's Church on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm. Jean-Claude Picard conducts the orchestra for a program that includes György Ligeti's Concert Românesc; Dinuk Wijeratne's Clarinet Concerto with guest, Syrian born clarinetist, Kinan Azmeh; and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. Advance tickets at Shop on the Corner: \$30 (\$35 at the door).

PRIMATE, FRED HILTZ WILL BE RETIRING ON JULY 16TH



As many of you know, the Primate (our beloved Fred) was rector in this parish 1988-1994; he will be retiring this summer. In honour of his ministry, we are collecting a special gift to be given to PWRDF (Primates World Relief and Development Fund). We have challenged other parishes in this region to do the same. We will happily collect your gifts for the Primate through the spring. Please mark your envelope clearly 'PWRDF Gift for Fred'.

OUR HERITAGE

A short history of the Parish of St. John's, Lunenburg (Continued)
 The Hon. John Creighton was anxious to remove the flat plastered ceiling in the nave and was instrumental in helping to develop the beautiful timbered structure which could very well be a memorial to the Schooner builders. An architect, David Stirling of Halifax was retained to develop the plans and also design the present tower which was built three years later in 1875. The building firm of Godley and Hoppes of Halifax were retained to make the alterations. (To be continued)
 By Heritage Ministry

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