

"You will always have the poor with you." This statement from Jesus is not a comfortable one; it was never meant to be! We all want to live in a world where no one will be in need. Yet, Jesus is direct in reminding us all that there will always be those who are experiencing some form of poverty: poor in finances, poor in spirit, poor in compassion, etc. "...but you do not always have me." What a stark reminder from Jesus that this poverty will always exist, because humanity does not always bring to it the baptismal vow of seeking and serving Christ in all people. We have before us, then, an invitation from Jesus: to recognise the poverty in our community, and in ourselves - and to find ways to overcome the harshness of poverty with the abundance of Christ's love.

Rev. Laura Marie

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Charlene Demone; 10:30 am Heather Hyson  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Ben Smith  
10:30am Margaret Shirley, Hazel Oliver  
 Sidespersons: Haigh and Barbara Carthew

**NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 14th**

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan  
10:30 am Roger Demone, Stephen Lewis  
 Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Maureen Moffatt  
10:30am Aisling Curtin, Rosemary Smith  
 Sidespersons: Audrey Morgan

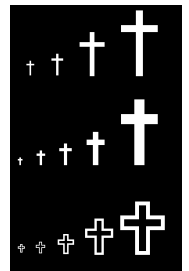
**St. John's Anglican Church**  
 Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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.*

**DUTY SCHEDULE**

Promised Doves...Anne Spence  
 Rainbow Sunshine...Emmi Fraser, Jasmine Saunders  
 The Giraffes...Dr. Hughie Fraser  
 Golden Dogs...Lori Nickerson  
 General Assembly...Emmi Fraser  
 Music Support...Lorne Spence



# The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Schubert/Proulx

Prelude: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Archer

Please Stand and join in singing:  
Processional Hymn #345 'King of Glory, King of Peace'

## 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.

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your  
Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his  
victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him 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 ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty  
waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down,  
they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not  
remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to  
do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a

way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour  
me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers  
in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I  
formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. ISAIAH 43:16-21  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: The Lord has done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those  
who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with  
shouts of joy. R

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for  
them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. R

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. R

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go  
out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their  
sheaves. R PSALM 126

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe  
of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to  
zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,  
blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss  
because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the  
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have  
suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I  
may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own  
that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the  
righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the  
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like  
him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but  
I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.  
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I  
do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I  
press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ  
Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #583 'When God Restored Our Common Life'

### Gospel

The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING  
TO JOHN People Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of  
Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for



him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to

the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." JOHN 12:1-8

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: Hear our prayer.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Ecum Secum, Archdeacon Marilyn Newport, Priest-in-Charge; Shared Ministry of the Anglican Parishes of Musquodoboit & Ship Harbour, Rev Andrew Mortimer and Janet, Rev Marilyn Murphy, Associate Parish Priest; Parish of Port Dufferin, Rev Gary Barr, and Gayle.  
 Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz.  
 Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
 Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Bluenose II;  
 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

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 #386 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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. #737 Amen.

## 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 #747 'Jesus, Lamb of God'

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 #179 'Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery' (v. 1-5 and 6f); #569 'Come My Way, My Truth, My Life'

## The Prayer after Communion Read by celebrant

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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.

## The Blessing

Rector: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God; and of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon each of you; those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve; this day and forever more.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #601 'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

## The Dismissal

Rector: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Lord, Hear My Voice - Scheidt

## NOTICES

The Parish holds a Parents and Tots Group every Wednesday morning 9:30am - 11:30am. We are encouraged to see so many Moms, Dads and Grandparents with their pre-schoolers enjoying the morning interacting with each other. This is the true meaning of being an accepting and nurturing environment for all to enjoy. Please feel free to drop in any Wednesday morning. The adults and children meet in the downstairs area of the Parish Hall.

We are reaching out to the parish to ask that muffins or sweet breads be provided for the group. If you are able to bake and donate some yummy, nutritious treats, please contact Mary at the Parish office or Rena Demone.

We are getting ready to produce the Lenten/Easter Newsletter. Please email our editor, Brian Kenefick with your articles [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca) Tomorrow is the deadline.

## LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The last Lunenburg Lenten Café will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday from 11am - 11:45am. Clergy from St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks

will lead the creative worship and reflection. Offering to the Lunenburg Food Bank.

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- First Communion Classes are held at the church today at 1:00pm and Tuesday evening at 6:00pm for 45 minutes.
- First Communion for all new Candidates April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am Service.
- Book Club will meet at Rev. Laura Marie's on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. "Twelve Steps To a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong.
- Random Act of Kindness Club, Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, at the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

## SEDER

Our Seder will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. (Please note the NEW time.) We will partake of the ancient Passover Meal and hear the story of the Old Testament leading up to the Messiah. Enjoy a delicious meal of lamb, chicken or vegetable stew. Bring your own wine or juice. The sign up sheets are at the back of the church and at the Parish Hall.

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.

## EASTER MEMORIALS

We are accepting Easter Memorials In Memory of Loved Ones. Please call the Parish office to have your memorial placed in the Easter bulletin. Donations may be placed in the Easter Memorial Fund, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, Food Bank or a fund of your choice.

## HOME COMMUNION VISITS

Anyone wanting a visit from the rector, please contact the office to make arrangements. We are in the process of preparing a list of names of parishioners who are unable to attend worship.

## Music Announcements:

Music and Meditation for Lent on Wednesday, April 10 at noon features pianist Walter Delahunt. All are invited to attend and enjoy these half hour musical presentations. Free will offering in support of St. John's Music Program.

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS**

Would you like to help to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday? If you've made them before, good! If not someone will teach you. Join us Thursday April 11 at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own scissors.

**BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN'S**

BAPTISM will be held at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Please contact the Parish office if you desire baptism for an adult or child.



MONDAY, APRIL 15 - Evening Prayer 7pm (spoken)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Seder - 7pm in the Parish Hall. Bring along a bottle of wine or grape juice to share.

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17

Tenebrae 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 18

Holy Eucharist with Washing of Feet, Stripping of Altar at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 19

Liturgy and Stations of the Cross - 10am  
Ecumenical Walk - 11:30am

EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20

Holy Eucharist with Baptism - 4pm

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21

8:30am - BCP; 10:30am - BAS

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