

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019



St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Founded in 1753

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.*

Rector's Message



This morning marks the beginning of Holy Week; the most engaging week in the Christian Calendar. We will journey this week through daily prayers and praises; through earthly celebrations into the darkest of days before re-emerging

with highest celebrations as we are profoundly shocked and delighted by the Resurrection of our Lord.

As this week progresses, I invite you to immerse yourself in the journey as much as you are able; sharing in our collective worship here at the church or in your daily prayers at home. The themes are intense and can be extremely emotional, and bring us to the edge of our comfort zones.

In the midst of this spiritual work, we offer deep thanks for the ministry teams who are undergoing much earthly work to facilitate our worship: through bulletins, music, altar guild, lay readers, and beyond. Their extensive service makes St John's a welcoming place for the journey. Thank you.

My prayer for us all this week is to embrace the journey, knowing that we are never alone; that even in the darkest times God is with us. This is a foundation of our faith, and this week highlights that as a gift. May God's blessings comfort and sustain you, this Holy Week and forever.

Rev. Laura Marie

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan

10:30 am Roger Demone, Stephen Lewis

Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Maureen Moffatt

10:30 am Aisling Curtin, Rosemary Smith; Sidesperson: Audrey Morgan

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 21

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan

10:30 am Stephen, Sheila, Roger, Charlene, Robert

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30 am Sheila Morris, Rose Conrad; Sidesperson: Audrey Morgan

DUTY SCHEDULE TODAY

Promised Doves...Missy Romkey...Olivia Romkey...Laura Eisner
Rainbow Sunshine...Rena Demone...Jasmine Saunders
The Giraffes...Wayne Dodge; Golden Dogs...Christina Pottie
General Assembly...Rena Demone
Music Support...Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener...Lorne Spence

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting - Schubert/Proulx

Prelude: Passion Chorales

Children's Talk

The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All remain standing for the Gospel.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 19:28-40
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Over the Palms

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Procession

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn #181 "All Glory Laud and Honour"

Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and ever living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31 Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. R

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. R

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God. R

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." R

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 'Hosanna, Loud Hosanna' (tune 205 Ellacombe)

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

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.

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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 the Parish of Seaforth, Rev Evelyn Knorr, Rev Fred Grainger, Associate Parish Priest. Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry. Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.
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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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People And also with you.

Choir Anthem: How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Townend

The Celebration of the Eucharist

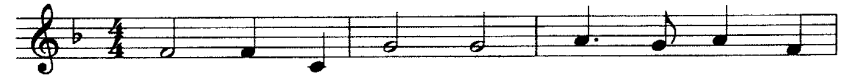
Offertory Hymn 'The Tree of Life' – K. Lee Scott



The Tree of Life

Pécselyi Király Imre, ca. 1590-1641
 Para. by Erik Routley, 1917-82

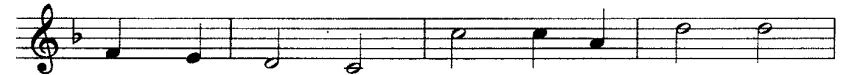
SHADES MOUNTAIN
 K. Lee Scott



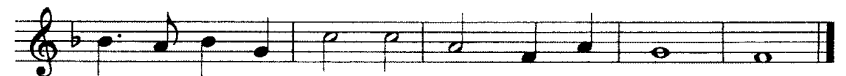
All: 1. There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of
Women: 2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our
Men: 3. Thorns not his own are tan - gled in its
Choir: 4. See how its branch - es reach to us in
All: 5. This is my end - ing, this my res - ur -
All: 6. All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose



Wis - dom, whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing
 Sav - ior!" There on its branch - es see the
 fo - liage; our greed has starved it, our de -
 wel - come; hear what the Voice says, "Come to
 rec - tion; in - to your hands, Lord, I com -
 Pas - sion of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing,



of the na - tions: Tree of all knowl - edge,
 scars of suf - f'ring; see where the ten - drils
 spite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its
 me, ye wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness,
 mit my spir - it. This have I searched for;
 strength, and par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions,



Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 grief has not de - stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 give me all your sor - row, I will give bless - ing."
 now I can pos - sess it. This ground is ho - ly.
 take it, take it free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

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The Prayer over the Gifts Read by celebrant

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. 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.

Preface for Holy Week

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord #735

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 faith.
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. People #737 Amen. (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray to our Father to forgive us as we are ready to forgive:
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 forever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.
Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
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.
People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

#747 'Jesus Lamb of God'

Communion Hymn #542 'Out of the Depths';
#184 'My Song is Love Unknown'

Choir Anthem: Bread of the World - Shepherd



Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community prays in silence.

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always Amen.

Recessional Hymn #182 'Ride On, Ride On in Majesty'

The Dismissal

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

Postlude: All Glory Laud and Honour - J.S. Bach

NOTICES

SEDER

Our Seder will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 16th 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, beef 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.

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. Deadline is tomorrow. Donations support the mission and ministry of St. John's.

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 28th at 10:30am Service.
- Random Act of Kindness Club, Friday April 12th, 6:30-7:30pm, at the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

Easter Season Bible Study!

Drop-in format with open discussions on scripture. Bring your Bible (any translation) and together we'll journey through the Book of Romans; to discover how God is speaking to us today. Wednesdays 11.00 in the Parish Hall (starting 24 April).

Ask Me Anything!

An evening where the Rector will sit in the proverbial 'hot seat' and answer any of your questions....from how I named my dogs, to how I discerned my call to ministry, to what my favourite colour/food/Gospel is... ask me anything! Monday 29 April 7pm in the Parish Hall, snacks provided.

First Communion: The Family and Youth Ministry would like to invite you to celebrate First Communion with our new candidates and their families during the 10:30am service on March 18th, followed by a reception at the Parish Hall. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Encounter: A youth retreat with activities, discussions, music, and the opportunity to build lasting friendships and to explore your relationship with God. This wonderful weekend is taking place in Mahone Bay, for youth ages 15-18. Please pass this message along to any family and friends. We already have some interest from our parish. The more the merrier. To register go to www.sharenspei.ca/encounter or for a paper copy contact renademone@gmail.com.

TALENT NIGHT Looking for stars of stage and screen! Bring your comedy, singing, dancing, skits, musical instruments... And bring your friends to support people on stage. Please join us Friday 31 May, from 5.00pm onwards. \$10 suggested donation, pub-style food provided. An evening hosted by your Parish Council. *Sign up sheets for talent portions will be in the church after Easter.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN THE COMMUNITY
WALK OF THE WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGHOUT
LUNENBURG, STOPPING AT TOWN CHURCHES.**