



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

*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.*

HAPPY EASTER!

We are so glad to welcome you to St John's this morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. As a beloved child of God, you are welcome in God's house.

If this is your first time here, thank you for coming! We hope you feel at home. If there is any way we can make things more comfortable for you, please let us know.

If you have been coming for generations, thank you for coming! We're glad this is home for you.

We love our children: today is a special day, and we know that God put the wiggle into our young friends. (We also know the Easter Bunny may have brought them treats this morning!) Church can be overwhelming for little ones, so if you need a few minutes alone outside, please re-join us as you are able. All our younger friends are invited to join us for the children's talk (and egg hunt), and to wander about quietly during the service (for safety, please make sure they are not going anywhere they might fall from!)

If you have mobility concerns, and require assistance, please speak to one of our greeters, and we will aim to help you as best we can. We will be offering Eucharist at the high altar and at a station on the floor; if you wish to remain in your pew and have the communion brought to you, we will accommodate to the best of our ability.

You will notice that we are a multi-generational community, and we work hard to respect the spiritual needs of everyone in our worshipping community. We delight in being a welcoming and loving family of God.

Again, I wish you a very happy Easter; my prayer is that you will feel the blessing of the season and carry the Good News of God in your hearts from this day forward.

Rev. Laura Marie



Prelude: Jesus Christ, Our Great Redeemer - J. S. Bach

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Hymn #203 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'

Children's Time

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

All May he fill our hearts with joy.

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

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, 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

Let us pray.

All: Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your
Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have
made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to
you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the
Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ACTS 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has
triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

I CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: #715 'Alleluia'

Reader 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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

JOHN 20:1-18

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

SERMON ~Rev. 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 us, Lord of glory!

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 and joy of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

St. John's Ringers: 'Trumpet Voluntary' - arr. Hollis
Laura Allen, trumpet

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 'Lift High the Cross'

Choir:

Lift High the Cross! Lift High the Cross!

Congregation:

Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the World adore His sacred name.

Congregation:

1. Come, Christians follow where our Saviour trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. Refrain

Congregation:

2. All new-born servants of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

Choir:

3. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our souls from death and hell. Refrain

Congregation:

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise God, to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Choir:

Lift high the cross! Lift high the cross! Lift high the cross. Amen!

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

ALL: God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the 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;
we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken
away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his
rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.
We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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 faith. (Sung)
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. 2x

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing with the Risen Lord, let us pray:

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:

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

All those seeking Christ in their hearts are welcome to receive the communion. This is God's meal for all of God's people.

Communion Hymns #222 'All Shall Be Well';
#229 'Who Is There on This Easter Morning'

Choir Anthem during Communion: Alleluia - Miller Hallelujah Chorus
- from Handel's Messiah

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

All: God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.

The Blessing

The Peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon each of you: and those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve; this day and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #212 'Alleluia! The Strife is O'er'

The Dismissal

Let us go in grace, to love and to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Blessed Christ is Risen Today - J.S. Bach

NOTICES

No Nursery and Sunday School today.

First Communion: The Family and Youth Ministry invites you to celebrate First Communion with our new candidates and their families during the 10:30am service on April 21st., followed by a reception at the Parish Hall.

Book Club will meet On May 7th at 7:30pm in the rectory to discuss "Twelves Steps to a Compassionate Life" by Karen Armstrong. Please welcome your friends from the community and beyond.

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, May 10th-12th, 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

IN LOVING MEMORY

This Edition of the Parish Bulletin is in Loving Memory of Dad, John Black, Brother, Kendall Black, Niece, Jannell Black, Parents, Fred and Elsie Hyson from Oran, Heather and family.



St John's Church Easter Memorials - 2019

Below are listed the Easter Memorials for departed Loved Ones. Donations support the Mission and Ministry of St. John's.

In Loving Memory of:

Parents, Mabel and Henry F. Zwicker, Clarence and Helen McKee and son, Christopher S.F. McKee from Ian and Johanne McKee and family
 Our Son, Drew Wagner from Mary and John Wagner and family
 Beatrice & Wilson Anderson placed as a legacy of their estate
 Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Smith and family placed as a bequest from the late Vivian P. Zinck
 June and W. Guy Tanner and Capt. W. P. Cluett placed as a bequest from the estate of June Tanner
 Harold Demone from Charlotte, Suzanne, Rick and families
 Wallace and Grace Schnare and Loved Ones from Shelia
 Arthur Skinner, Barbara Daurie and Loved Ones from Carrie and family
 Ralph Strowbridge and all Loved Ones from Amy and family
 Owen and Isobel Smith from Ben and Roxie
 Ida Anderson from Hubert and children
 Edward, Frances and Janet Hansen from David, Selina and family
 Isabel and Newman May from the family
 Stanley and Violet Skinner from Rose, Terry, Jeffrey and family
 Our Beloved Michael from Holly and family

Lynn Burton from Sam and Dana
 Alex Green, Thomas & Melita Green, Roy Green, Fred and Marion Tanner from Sharon and family
 Wilfred and Evelyn Hannams from children Ann Grandy and Carolyn White
 Loved Ones from Jane, Wilfred, Nicholas and Alexandra
 Loved Ones from Chesley, Doreen and family
 Skipper Skinner from Mom, Dad, Terry and Sherry and Brenda
 William & Beverly Cluett from Richard, Rachel Jane and grandchildren
 John A.G. (Jack) Saunders, D. Andrew Eisenhower and John & Edythe Oxner, from Jim, Heather and family
 Parents Alfred and Mary Dauphinee, sister Julie Knickle and Aunt Florence Dauphinee from Rosalie, Darrell and family
 Marnie Bartlett Sanger from Rosalie, Darrell and family
 Our Parents Murray and Jean Stoddard, Stuart and Margaret Demone and Loved Ones from Karen, Brian and family
 Murray and Jean Stoddard from daughter Betty, Bob and family
 Loved Ones from Margaret Shirley and Nikolas Morgunov
 Oliver Francis from wife, Lucy
 Oliver Francis from Barbara
 Jeffery Lilly from Mom, Coleen and Emma
 Fred Oliver from Hazel and family
 John Osmond and Margie Welsh from the family
 Parents Gerald and Phyllis Bruhm and Armond and Winnie Falkenham and Brother Bruce from Max, Dale and family
 Family Members from Doug and Sharon Hill

