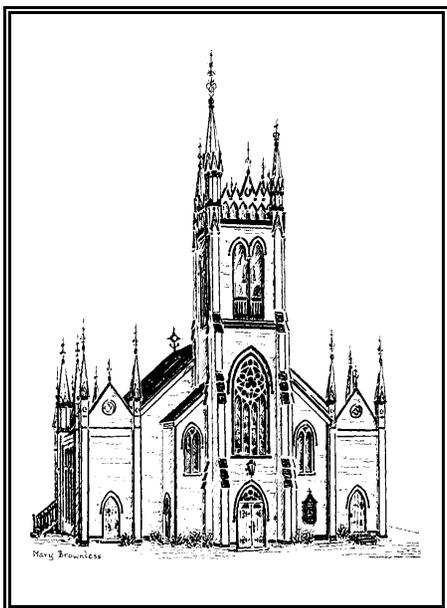


6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019



# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend 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.*

Heritage  Faith  Vision  
St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

## LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan  
10:30 am Roger Demone, Heather Hyson  
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Ben Smith  
Lectors and Sidespersons: 10:30am Sunday School

## NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 2nd

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan  
10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone  
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Sandra Jordan  
Lectors: 10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Ann Grandy  
Sidespersons: Heather & Oran Hyson

## FAMILY SERVICE

PRELUDE: Gavotte in D - J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 430 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May God's grace and peace be with you!

All: May God fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you we open our hearts, and we share all our hopes, and you know all our secrets. We ask for your Holy Spirit to help us keep our thoughts and actions pure so that we can love you entirely, and keep your name holy. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Merciful God, you have promised us goodness more than we can imagine. Fill our hearts with so much love, that by loving you fully, we will come to know your gifts for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## BIBLE READINGS

A Reading from the Book of Acts: Read by Kaylee Fox (Acts 16.9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Once we were there, on the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.  
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 Led by Morgan Nodding

God, mark us with grace and blessing,  
and make your face shine on us!  
The whole world will see how you work,  
all everyone will see how you save.  
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.

Let all people thank and enjoy you.

Let all people be glad, and sing  
for you are fair, and tend to all earth's peoples.  
God! Let people thank and enjoy you.

Let all people thank and enjoy you.

Earth has shown its abundance,  
Because you, O God, have blessed us.

May God continue to bless us,  
From all corners of the earth, we honour God!

A Reading from the Revelation to John: Read by Peyton Nickerson  
(Rev 21.10,22-22.5)

An angel took me, in a dream, and showed me the Holy City coming from God. I didn't see a temple in the city, because the temple is God. The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light. Everyone will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. The city gates will never be shut, and the glory and honour of the whole world will be brought into it, and nothing unclean will ever enter it. Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its fruit each month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any pain or suffering. The throne of God will be there, and his people will worship him. They will see God's face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (before Gospel): 'God is So Good'

God is so good (3x) He's so good to me  
He cares for me (3x) He's so good to me  
He's all I need (3x) He's so good to me

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. (John 14.23-29)

Celebrant: The Good News of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG 'His Banner Over Me is Love'

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by The Fraser Family (Hughie, Emmi, Libby and Eadlin)

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is constant in love, and always forgives us. God welcomes us all to share in the holy meal. Before we are fed, we confess the times that we have turned against God.

God of mercy:

All: We confess that we have turned away from you,  
In our thoughts, our words, and our actions,  
By what we have done, and what we have not done.  
We have not loved you with our whole hearts  
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.

All: Amen.

### THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer to one another a sign of God's peace!

### OFFERTORY HYMN 'In the Bulb There is a Flower'

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of glory, accept all we bring you today, and bring us to your eternal city of love and light, where Jesus is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.

### THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. #732

Celebrant: Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. Great is the mystery of our faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. #733

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. #734

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

These are the gifts of God, given for all of us - for we are the family of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 745 'Lamb of God'

## THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #60 'I Come with Joy'

Choir Anthem: 'Come and Follow Me' - Robert S. Cohen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, you bring us new life by raising Jesus from the dead. We ask that all who receive your gifts today be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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 BENEDICTION

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon each of you, those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve, now and forever. All: Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

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

## DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Allegro - Boellmann

## NOTICES

The Sunday School is having a family-friendly reception after the service today. All are welcome!

Please join us next Sunday, June 2, as we welcome our friends from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church to our 10.30 service. At this ecumenical joint service, Pastor Rick Pryce will be preaching.

Music Announcements: Musique Royale's final 'cookie' concert before summer break takes place here at St. John's Church on Saturday, June 1 at 2 pm. Canadian pianist Julien LeBlanc performs 'Arabesques and Pantomimes'. This includes Children's Corner by Debussy, which tells a musical tale of a young child with an insatiable imagination who longs to play piano. Afterwards, coquettish pantomimes tell stories involving the timeless Commedia dell'Arte characters including Pierrot, Harlequin, Columbine and Pulcinella by a collection of composers, interpreted by Julien LeBlanc on the piano. Admission is \$5 (free admission ages 4 and under). Cookie treats are enjoyed at the end of each cookie concert.

St. John's Chancel Choir is delighted to participate in a South Shore Choral Fest to be held at Trinity United Church in Rose Bay on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 pm with a meet and greet to follow. All are welcome to attend.

## TALENT NIGHT/ VARIETY SHOW

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 will be in the church.

## LADIES APPRECIATION DAY

Ladies Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. Delicious strattas will be prepared and served by the men of the parish once again. A Sign up Sheet has been placed at the church and Parish Hall.

## PRIMATE, FRED HILTZ RETIRES

Our beloved Primate, Fred Hiltz will be retiring in July. A request for a gift of money to be donated to Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) in Fred's honour has been answered by many of you, who have given generously. May 31<sup>st</sup> is the last date to make a donation toward Primate Fred's gift.