

There are times when we all want to finger-point, to highlight how wrong someone else is, and by extension how right we are. Though James and John in today's gospel try to do just that to the

Samaritans, Jesus encourages a more compassionate and loving response. He encourages the disciples not to focus on what is wrong with others, but on what might be preventing full communion with Christ in our own lives. Faith isn't a competition, but a journey of ongoing spiritual self-reflection and growth.

As we consider our own spiritual journeys today, I invite us to reflect on how we can move on, move forward, in loving service to God. How can we live our own baptismal vows? How can we support our brothers and sisters in God's family? How can we embrace the full life of joy that is being offered? How can we share the light of Christ that has been so freely shared with us?

God's blessings on your journey!

Laura Marie+

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Lay Readers: Rev. Linda Macdonald

10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Robert MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan

10:30 am John Collins, Lillian Keeping

Sidespersons: 10:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 7TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Susan Foote

10:30am Katharine Owen, Ann Grandy

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Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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*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

We welcome for Holy Baptism,
Carson Alex Borden Cyr,
son of Patrick Cyr and Christy Hickey.
May God's blessing be upon the family and upon
this parish as we welcome this child into
God's family today.



BAS Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Prelude: Overture Royal Fireworks - Handel

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #10 'We, the Lord's People'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant 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 There is one body and one Spirit,
All There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 KINGS

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire

separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. 2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

PSALM 77.1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;

my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord,

and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts

and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy;

who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders

and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people,

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;

the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;

your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world;

the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,

yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is

opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

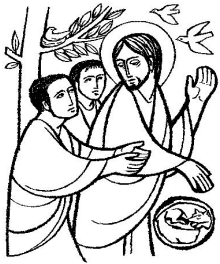
Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #405 'Alleluia No. 1' (Verse 1)

Gospel

Reader 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 LUKE 9:51-62



When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them.

Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon

Rev. Laura Marie

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

Celebrant: The Candidate for Baptism will now be presented:
I present Carson Alex Borden Cyr to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help your child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks parents and sponsors:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Answer I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? Answer I do.

Question to the congregation,

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? People We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Carson Alex Borden, who is to receive the sacrament of new birth. Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus the Christ may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called Carson to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint him with your Holy Spirit and bring him to new birth in the family of your Church, that he may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
All Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with Carson, who is committing himself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? People I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Carson Alex Borden, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace.

Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn #576 'For the Healing of the Nations'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.
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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.

CP #726 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of 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.

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. (Sung 3x) CP #721

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

O Lamb Of God (*Fraction Anthem*)
Malcolm Archer
The English Folk Song Mass

Paraphrase: Malcolm Archer

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Communion Hymn #638 'O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath'

Anthem 'Song for Canada' – Paul Halley
(You are welcome to hum or sing along)

Sing! Sing a new song, Sing loud and strong,
Sing of this land of our hopes and our dreams.
Rich harmonies Of races and creeds
Join in the chorus from sea unto sea:
Where the whale's ancient lullaby
Meets the song of the wind in the whisp'ring pines,
All our voices come together, always singing,
"Land of tomorrow, your time has come."

Oui-Qu'un nouveau chant, Dise a present
Un voeu d'accord qui doit remplir nos coeurs.
Peuples divers Touchant les deux mers,
Heureux voisins, ne formez qu'un seui Choeur
Pour melanger tous vos accents
Aux refrains des cognees dansant sous les vents.
Que nos voix ensemble chantent et rechantent,
"Qui - Bel aujourd'hui, Vois mon pays."

Sing! Sing of new birth, Sing of the earth,
Sing of great mountains that reach for the sky.
Proud cities swell, Vast plains do tell
Of the promise and hope for the future that lies
In the loon's timeless melody,
In the cry of an eagle that's soaring free.
All our voices come together, singing,
"Land of tomorrow, your time has come."

Prayer After Communion

God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. 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.

Blessing & Dismissal

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; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be
upon you, those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve,
this day and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #565 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

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

Postlude: Minuet Finale from 'Royal Fireworks' – Handel

NOTICES

Music Announcements:

Musique Royale performances to note:
Aella Women's Choir at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg -
Sunday, July 7 at 7:30 pm
Ironwood string quartet at Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay -
Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm
John Laing, organ at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg -
Sunday, July 14 at 3 pm
Please speak with Barbara if you would like further information.

The National Organ Festival of the Royal Canadian College of Organists
takes place in Halifax from July 7 – 11. Please see the poster that is at the
church entrance for further details.

Wednesdays at Noon:

Our popular series returns this summer each Wednesday at Noon
throughout July and August. Performances in July include the following:
July 3 Walter Delahunt, piano
July 10 Duo Concertante
July 17 Bumerang Celtic Trio (in partnership with Musique Royale)
July 24 Boxwood Scholarship Recipients
July 31 Janelle Lucyk, soprano & Kerry Burse, lute

Environmental network t-shirts are available from the diocese for \$25.00
each. Please contact Mary 902-634-4994 for an Order form.

Community Hymn Sing - St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks today at 7:00 p.m. Rev
Ron Barkhouse will be the special guest with a small band from St.
Mark's Anglican Church, Western Shore. Elaine Walker will be Organist
for the event. Please plan to attend - All Welcome!"

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