

The lawyer who opens our Gospel passage today seems to be coming from a point of view so many of us share: the end game. We often ask what we have to do to achieve a particular thing - in this case, eternal life.

Jesus' response fits with where we all might be focusing - on the faithful and mindful attentiveness and action to the present. The journey of faith, Jesus reminds us, is not limited to a focus on the end goal - but rather on the ongoing practice of our mission and ministry every day.

Jesus also encourages us to be constantly looking for ways to accomplish this, rather than considering the easiest or fastest way to get there. To love God and neighbour completely is not a simple task to be completed once but a framework through which we can live our lives.

In a time where we may feel challenged and isolated, may we not be restricted by requirements but liberated by love, and overwhelmed by the ongoing opportunities to share God's love in the world.

*Laura Marie+*

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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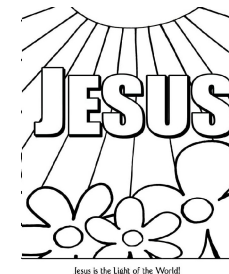
### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Sheila Morris  
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Duncan Crowdis  
10:30am Bruce Holdbrook, Edmund Brownless  
Sidespersons: Haigh and Barbara Carthew

### NEXT SUNDAY JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone  
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Gill Osmond  
10:30am Heather Hyson, Hazel Osmond

*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.*



## The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Intermezzo (Op. 18 No. 2) - Brahms

Processional Hymn #453 'Living Lord of Love's Dominion'

### 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 Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Gloria

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are  
restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your  
service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; 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 AMOS

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built  
with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to  
me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord  
said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will  
never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the  
house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel,  
sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you  
in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all  
his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and  
Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos,  
"O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and  
prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's  
sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered  
Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman,  
and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following  
the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'  
"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy  
against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore  
thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and  
your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall  
be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and  
Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

AMOS 7:7-17

### PSALM 82

God takes his stand in the council of heaven;

he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favour to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan;

defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in  
darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,

and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #450 'You Call Us, Lord, to Be'

## 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.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." **LUKE 10:25-37**

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

## SERMON

Rev. Laura Marie

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
All 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

To the petition "Hear us, good Lord"

Please respond with "Lord, hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle: We pray for St. John's, Bedford, Rev Randy Townsend, and Debbie; Fall River, Rev Carl Fraser, and Gloria, Rev Jim Reid, Honorary Assistant, Rev David Chapman, and Linda French Village, Rev Brianna Andrews and Danny, Rev Richard Walsh, Honorary Assistant.  
Local Ministerial: We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Suk-Ho Lee.  
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All 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.

All Amen.

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

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake 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.

#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.

Celebrant: 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)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

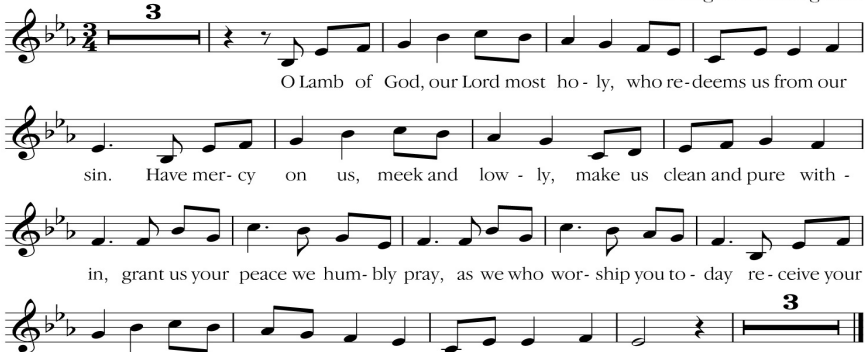
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

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

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



O Lamb of God, our Lord most ho - ly, who re-deems us from our  
sin. Have mer- cy on us, meek and low - ly, make us clean and pure with -  
in, grant us your peace we hum- bly pray, as we who wor- ship you to - day re- ceive your  
bo - dy and your blood, re - newed in faith by heav'n - ly food.

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Communion Hymn #84 'Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour'

Anthem during Communion: Hear me when I Call – Shepherd

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal  
kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in  
faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
the 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.

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

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; 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 #572 'Let There Be Light'

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

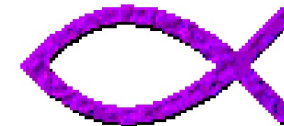
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Lord God – Pachelbel

## NOTICES

### FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Family and Youth Ministry is looking for three volunteers who would like to be part of the leadership team for our "Wednesday Morning Care-Giver and Tot Group". The children are accompanied by family and friends of all ages providing a wonderful multi generational mix for conversation over a morning coffee. It would be a commitment of only one morning each month 9:00am-12:00pm where the main responsibility is your presence. Our Family Fellowship Room provides a much needed place for all family members to come together and spend time with old friends and more importantly introduce themselves to new residents to our town and surrounding communities. The group has been a great success this past year and we truly want to keep it going. Those interested please call Rena Demone @ 902-277-0826 or email [renademone@gmail.com](mailto:renademone@gmail.com)



## MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musique Royale performances to note:  
 Sunday, July 14 at 3 pm, here at St. John's – organist John Laing performs works by Bach and Mendelssohn and original compositions including one featuring guest soprano Judith Burdett.  
 Bumarang – virtuosic Celtic trio  
 Musique Royale artists perform for our 'Wednesday at Noon' series on July 17 at noon  
 Please speak with Barbara if you would like further information



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