

RECTOR'S MESSAGE



While reading from Hosea this morning has jumped several chapters from last week's passage, the theme is still one of loyalty. It speaks of God as we (try to) understand God: as a gentle leader. God is clear that we will not be forced into relationship, but we also see how God delights when we choose to engage in real and meaningful ways. When we are faithful enough to recognize the power and welcome of our loving and creating God, and we return, we can know that we were never, in fact, alone. God leads us with "cords of kindness and bands of love", has healed us, and is waiting for us; often while we are too busy in the world to notice or acknowledge. I invite us this week to reflect on how we can see God leading us, loving us, guiding us, and welcoming us back to the flock when we stray.

Laura Marie+

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Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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MINISTERS TODAY

Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Ben Smith
10:30am Mary Meisner, Haigh Carthew
Sidespersons & Hostesses: Susan MacMillan, Hazel Oliver

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan
10:30am Ann Grandy, Sharon Green
Hostesses:
Sidespersons:

*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.*

Prelude: Prelude on 'Heavenly Message' - Bedard

Processional Hymn #606 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'

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, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with
the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew
your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our
weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, 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 HOSEA

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept

sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who
taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not
know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with
bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of
Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to
return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their
oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are
bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does
not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I
hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I
treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion
grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not
again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in
your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling
from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like
doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes,
says the Lord.

HOSEA 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the
south.
Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He put their feet on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.
Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! COLOSSIANS 3:1-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession #422 'God, who Touchest Earth with Beauty'

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." LUKE 12:13-21
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz

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 "We pray to the Lord"
please respond with "Lord, hear our prayer."

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Church of the Province of South East Asia, the Most Revd Ng Moon Hing - Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia
Diocesan Cycle: In the Fort Sackville Region, Retired Clergy Arthur Cuzner; James Green (Linda); Tom Kerr (Aileen); Judy Lafford (Arthur); John Mills (Marsha); and for Clergy Widows Marian Andrews, Judy Appleton, Barbara Corbin, Greta Moore, Barbara Tuck Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church, the Rev'd Rick Pryce (Deborah)
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot

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 #375 'At the Name of Jesus'

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

All: God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed and created us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the

promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

#726 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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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

Cel: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.

Cel: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All those seeking Christ in their hearts are
 welcome to receive the Holy Communion

O Lamb Of God (*Fraction Anthem*)

Paraphrase: Malcolm Archer Malcolm Archer
The English Folk Song Mass

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Communion Hymns

#408 'Wind Upon the Waters; #556 O For a Closer Walk with God
 Anthem: Consider - Roland Martin

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

All: God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and
 blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life
 live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

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 #362 'Tell Out My Soul'

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on 'Tell Out, My Soul' – Bedard

NOTICES

CIVIC HOLIDAY

The Office is closed this Monday, August 5, for the Civic Holiday.

MINISTRY FAIR!

A celebration of our many ministries will be held here at St John's
 September 8th after the 8.30am and the 10.30am services.
 more information to come

BREAKFAST ITEMS FOR DONATION TO FOOD BANK

Children who usually receive breakfast through school programs are now
 home over the summer and breakfast at home is a stress for many. Cereals,
 oatmeal, canned fruit are all great options for you to donate to the Food
 Bank.

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS

- During July and August we are offering daily guided tours 10 am - 5 pm. Sunday tours are 12 noon - 5pm.
- Wednesday at Noon: Enjoy a half-hour of music at the church.
- St. John's chimes are played by Peter Allen and Nona White Monday - Saturday at 1pm.

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

Music Announcements:

Wednesdays at Noon here at St. John's

August 7 at noon – Musical Theatre

August 14 at noon – Montreal Guitar Trio (artists on tour with Musique Royale)

August 21 at noon – Perseus Trio

August 28 at noon – Glenn Patscha

A free will offering in support of St. John's Music Program is greatly appreciated

'Julia's Music' continues at 1 pm at Harbour View Haven.

Musique Royale performances to note:

Glenn Patscha Trio

Friday, August 23 at 7 pm – St. Barnabas Church, Blue Rocks

Brett Polegato & Robert Kortgaard – And So It Goes

Tuesday Aug 20 at 7 pm - St. George Anglican Church, Parrsboro

Wednesday Aug 21 at 7:30 pm - St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax

Thursday Aug 22 at 7 pm - Salle Pere Maurice, Tusket

Friday Aug 23 at 7 pm - Dawn Oman Art Gallery, Bridgetown

At Cecilia's Retreat in Mahone Bay (Reservations needed –

barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca)

Montreal Guitar Trio - Monday, August 12 at 6 pm

Laura Smith and Kim Dunn - Sunday, August 18 at 4 pm

All proceeds to support Peggy Corkum/Musique Royale Legacy Award

And So It Goes - Saturday Aug 24 at 11 am - Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay

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