



By faith! The letter to the Hebrews highlights the power of living by faith. "Faith" is the most common word in the passage we're given in today's lectionary, and with good reason. The lesson shares the history of faith; from the first connection of humanity and God. The omitted section in the lectionary details the faith of Abel, Enoch, and Noah, before focusing

on the specifics of Abraham's faith experience here on earth (despite known hardships) and the focus of faith to look toward the heavenly reward that God has promised us. The full chapter (we receive just a portion) continues to tell of the faith of many additional individuals and communities: people whose lives were influenced and improved by their faith in God.

This letter inspires the reader to consider how faith has been active in their own life: to reflect and meditate on where and how the Word of God has made life better. This week I hope you will find some time to reflect on faith in \*your\* life: in what ways has faith, "the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen," allowed you to delight in God's grace and share the Good News of God?

*Laura Marie+*

# St. John's Anglican Church

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.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:  
Licensed Lay Ministers: 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  
Sidesperson & Hostess: Louise Holdbrook

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>  
Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black  
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Susan MacMillan  
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Susan Foote  
10:30am Edmund Brownless, Rose Conrad

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Adagio Cantabile - Beethoven

Processional Hymn #9 'Today I Awake'

## 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 sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of  
your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may  
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 ISAIAH

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and  
Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of  
our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your  
sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and  
the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of  
goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your  
hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an  
abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation - I  
cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your  
appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am  
weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my  
eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your  
hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove  
the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do  
good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the  
widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are  
like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they  
shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the  
good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the  
sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

### PSALM 50: 1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God reveals himself in glory.  
Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a  
raging storm.  
He calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgement of his people.  
"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with  
sacrifice."  
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  
for God himself is judge.  
Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against  
you;  
for I am God, your God.  
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your offerings are always before me.  
Consider this well, you who forget God,  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.  
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of  
God."

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

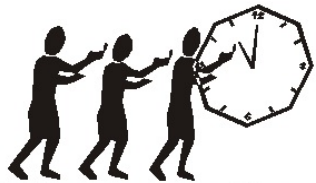
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel Hymn #382 'Praise to the Lord'

## 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.



*Be like servants awaiting  
their Master's return*

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there

your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know

this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ. LUKE 12:32-40

## 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 "Lord, in your mercy."  
Please respond with "Hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Avon Valley, Archdeacon Tom Henderson, Rev James Small, Honorary Assistant, and Joan; Aylesford with Berwick, Rev Mel Malton; Cornwallis, Rev Maya Bevan; St. John's, Wolfville (Horton), Rev Sandra Fyfe and James, Rev Ann Watson, Deacon, Rev Dr. Bruce Matthews, Honorary Assistant, and Pamela.  
Local Ministerial: We pray for the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev. Laura Marie Piotrowicz.  
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; 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 #466 'How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord'

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

Paraphrase: Malcolm Archer

O Lamb Of God (*Fraction Anthem*)

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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**Hymns during Communion:**

Be Thou My Vision – A hymn anthem by Richard Shepherd

Solo during Communion: Ave Maria by Jehan Alain

Soloist: Edmund Brownless

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. 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

#385 'Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness'

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

Postlude: Fanfare – Lemmens

NOTICES

MINISTRY FAIR!

A celebration of our many ministries will be held here at St John's September 8<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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](mailto:renademone@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

The Student Tour Guides will soon be heading back to university. We are once again looking for volunteers to help out with the Tour Guide Program. Shifts are flexible. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact Jane Ritcey Moore in person or at home 902-275-4834 and leave a message.

## MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesdays at Noon here at St. John's  
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.

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](mailto: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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