



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.*

Many years ago, before cell phones, I worked at a wilderness canoe camp; it was a place where youth ventured away from any semblance of civilization for 7-10 days. They carried with them maps and compasses, and all their food and gear, and were guided by an 'interpreter' (staff) whose job was to ensure that fun was had and all returned to base safely at the end of the week.

Part of the training all the staff received (even the base chaplain!) was on reading and understanding the weather. Cloud formations, tree leaves, wind and water patterns, hours of daylight - they all told us something about what to expect, so we could plan accordingly. Such knowledge informs both the fun and safety of the trip. Paddling during a thunderstorm, for example, is ill-advised, whereas a clear calm day invites an early start on the water.

The gift of interpreting the world around us makes a huge impact on our lives. While these days we have experts to interpret our weather, Jesus reminds us that there is more that we should be paying attention to: our spiritual well-being, the wholeness of our community, the health of our relationships. How might we better consider the world around us and our own actions and reactions, to better 'interpret the present time' in a way that gives greater glory to God?

Laura Marie+

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

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 Lillian Keeping, Rose Conrad
Sidesperson & Hostess: Sheila Morris

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 25th

Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Roger Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Roxie Smith
10:30am Blake Starratt, John Collins

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Tranquillo - Bedard

Processional Hymn #720 'Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones'

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 broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our
hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to
your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the
children of God; 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 ISAIAH

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My
beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of
stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst
of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it
yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my
vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why
did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my
vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break
down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall
not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the
vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!
ISAIAH 5:1-7

PSALM 80: 1-2, 8-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea
and its branches to the River.
Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend
this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.
They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn #312 'Sing a New Song unto 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.



Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against

mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of Christ. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

LUKE 12:49-56

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 "We pray to the Lord:

Please respond with "Lord hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Parish of St. James', Kentville, The Reverend Dr. John Roddam, and Holly, Rev Catherine Desloges, Assistant Parish Priest, and Brian; Parish of Brooklyn, Archdeacon Tom Henderson, Priest-in-Charge.
Local Ministerial: We pray for the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and Rev. Rick Pryce and Deborah.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

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.

Choir Anthem: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness – arr. Sorenson

Offertory Hymn #274 'Here from All Nations, All Tongues'

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. 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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Hymn during Communion: #63 'Eat This Bread'

Choral Blessing: God's Love - Shepherd

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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.

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 #278 'Jerusalem the Golden'

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

Postlude: Trumpet Tune – Johnson

NOTICES

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesdays at Noon here at St. John's

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

Sat. Aug 24 at 11 am - Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay (reservations only)

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

- 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

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.



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