



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.*

Heritage  Faith  Vision
St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

For some this week, the heat and humidity has made the air feel heavy, making us feel as though we are carrying a burden from the weather. For many, this sense of being weighed down is ongoing: physical pain, emotional disruption, spiritual angst - often unseen, these realities can wear us down, tire us out, and prevent us from living fully.

We're invited in this week's gospel to bring the burdens that we bear to Jesus: Jesus who sees us and knows us, even when we struggle. Jesus who wants for us to be set free from all that weighs us down. Jesus that demonstrates to the crowd that no excuse should be used to prevent healing.

And we're invited to respond to the needs of others, as Jesus does: to be intentional about seeing the people in front of us, acknowledging the burdens they are carrying, and doing what we can to help people to release what keeps them weighted down and to move towards spiritual health and wholeness.

Let us consider in our own lives: what burden is weighing down our spirits? How can we bring it to Jesus, and accept the gift of healing, so we might stand straight before our Lord? What do we need to open our eyes to the burdens and weights of others? And in what ways can we engage with our neighbours to assist them in carrying their loads?

Laura Marie+

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

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
Sidesperson & Hostess: Rose Conrad

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

Licensed Lay Ministers: 8:30 am Velvet Eliuk
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Sheila Morris
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Linda Macdonald
10:30am Aisling Curtin, Rosemary Smith

Following the Service, you are cordially invited to gather in the Church Parade for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Trio on 'Kremser' – John Dixon

Processional Hymn #342 'We Praise You, O God'

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, we are taught by your word that all our doings
without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into
our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and
of all virtue; 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 JEREMIAH

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I
appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God!
Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord
said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom
I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be
afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the
Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over
nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and
to overthrow, to build and to plant." JEREMIAH 1:4-10
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's
womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and
darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a
voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken
to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an
animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so
terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have
come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the
assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge
of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the
mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a
better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one
who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who
warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one
who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now

he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. HEBREWS 12:18-29

Gospel Hymn #434 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'

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.



Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said,

"You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. LUKE 13:10-17

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 Christ Church, Windsor, Rev David Curry and Marilyn; Parish of Annapolis, Rev Juanita Barteaux and Tim; The Reverend Canon Donald Neish, Honorary Assistant, and Sarah.
Local Ministerial: We pray for the congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines Corkum and Barry.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Fundy Leader; 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.

Offertory Hymn #388 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. 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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Music during Communion: The Lord's My Shepherd -
Peter Togni Janelle Lucyk, soprano: Kerry Burse, lute

Choir anthem after Communion:
Sing Praises unto the Lord – Henry Ruthven

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake 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 #529 'God, My Hope on You Is Founded'

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on Austrian Hymn – Dixon

NOTICES

FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual and Blessing of the Fleet takes place 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 8th at the waterfront. All are welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB

Open to all - in parish and beyond! Join us Tuesday 08 October from 7.00pm at the Rectory. This month's selection: BOOK OF JOY: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World (A dialogue between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesdays at Noon here at St. John's
August 28 at noon – Glenn Patscha – New Orleans Grooves
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 presents Glenn Patscha Trio on Friday, August 23 at 7 pm at St. Barnabas Church in Blue Rocks.
Further information is available at www.musiqueroyale.com

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.

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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