



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.*

For many, the word 'angel' brings to mind the image of feathery wings and golden halos, attached to chubby babies resting on clouds playing harps. While the cupid-esque cutey is adorable, this is not accurate to what faith and tradition tells us of these celestial beings.

The varying choirs (or orders) of Angels are a unique creation, loved into being by God, for a very specific and holy purpose: the word "angel" itself (from the Greek ἄγγελος [aggelos]), translates in meaning and connotation as a heavenly messenger.

Throughout scripture, therefore, every mention of an angel is actually a celestial event: a heavenly messenger has been sent to bring a communication from God to humankind. There are times, we are assured, that these angels will take on human-like form for a brief time to deliver their message (so as not to distract from the message itself). In doing so, they present as strangers, but we have opportunity to embrace the message being gifted to us.

Thus, we are invited to consider that God may be speaking to us through such messengers. We don't know what they will look like, or when they might come, or what to expect. But we can trust that God continues to speak to us in this generation, in exciting ways that empower faith, and encourage ministry. We are called, as the letter to the Hebrews invites, to be open to the concept of receiving heavenly messages: to welcome and extend hospitality to strangers "for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Laura Marie+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Velvet Eliuk
Lay Readers: 10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Sheila Morris
Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Ben Smith
10:30am Aisling Curtin, Rosemary Smith
Sidespersons & Hosts: Haigh & Barbara Carthew

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

Lay Reader: 8:30 am Rev. Linda Macdonald
Lay Readers: 10:30 am Velvet Eliuk, Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30am Robert MacMillan, Lynn Ellis

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: Jean Langlais, Prière

Hymn #349 'All People That on Earth Do Dwell'

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: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water. JEREMIAH 2:4-13

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

Sing with joy to God our strength

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,

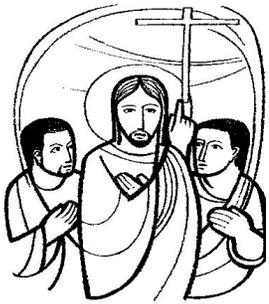
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me!
 that Israel would walk in my ways!
 I should soon subdue their enemies
 and turn my hand against their foes.
 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
 and their punishment would last for ever.
 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
 and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS



Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #447 'Lord, We Hear Your Word'

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.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you

may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." LUKE 14:1, 7-14
 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 "Lord in your mercy,"
 please respond with "Hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The Parish of Bridgetown, Rev Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Clements; Rev Ken Vaughan, Priest-In-Charge, and Barbara.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father James O'Conner.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;
Clearwater - Atlantic Preserver; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

Confession and Absolution

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 #458 'Seek Ye First' (twice if needed)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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.

(Sung) 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

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.

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

The Communion

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins,
the sins of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace. (Sung)

Communion Hymns #304 'All Things Are Thine'
#504 'Jesu, Jesu'

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in
each other. We ask this 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 and 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 #403 'Let All Things Now Living'

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

Postlude: Jean Langlais, Pasticcio

NOTICES

St. John's Ladies' Guild wishes to thank all those who bought tickets for
the "Bountiful Basket" Draw. Thanks also to all those who donated items
for the basket. The winner was Brenda Bachman. The proceeds will
allow us to continue supporting St John's and many other agencies
including Christmas gifts for HVH residents.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

We are inviting everyone who is returning to school or study to bring
with them their backpacks next Sunday, September 8th. Just as we
celebrate the beginning of the new year of Sunday School, we will
recognise the beginning of a new year of classes! We will be asking God's
blessings on the people who will carry the backpacks, that they will know
the presence of God in their studies and in their relationships at school.
It's a great way to cover our students in prayer and blessing as they begin
the new year!

HEALING PRAYERS

Meeting a hope from the Visioning process, St John's will be offering
additional worship and service opportunities from this fall. On the 3rd
Sunday of each month, you are invited to join us for a brief service of
prayers for healing, and laying on of hands/ointing. This service will
take place in the Bartholomew Chapel at 9.30am (beginning September
15th).

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)

MINISTRY FAIR!

A celebration of our many ministries will be held here at St John's next Sunday, September 8th after the 8.30am and the 10.30am services.

DONATION TO FOOD BANK

Please be generous with your donations to the Food Bank. Food items and monetary donations are always welcome.

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

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.

SAVE THE DATE! CONGREGATIONAL BBQ

Sunday, September 15, following the 10:30 a.m. service



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