



As part of living out our Shared Vision, today is our parish 'ministry fair'; an opportunity for the various ministries to shine! There is a LOT of good that happens in our community, and we want to make sure that it is celebrated by the church.

To meet this goal, committees have each been invited to set up a small space around the outside perimeter of our worship space. There will be displays and people to answer questions, and possibly take-away sheets or goodies.

We offer to God our prayers of thanksgiving for the abundant ministries that happen here; and for the chance to learn a bit more about them (and the people who exercise them!) It is a time when we can all be awed by the work of God in this place! There are amazing things being done in Christ's name and this ministry fair will give us an opportunity to give thanks to God for them all!

Laura Marie+

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
 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
 Sidespersons & Greeters: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
 Lay Reader: 8:30 am Charlene Demone
 Lay Readers: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Heather Hyson
 Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Carolyn Hogg
10:30am Margaret Shirley, Patsy Perkins

Please note the Parish secretary, Mary will be on vacation September 9-20.

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her—Komponist Unbekannt

Hymn #3 'Morning Has Broken'

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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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 JEREMIAH

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. JEREMIAH 18:1-11
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139.1-5,12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
 My body was not hidden from you,
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the
 earth.
 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
 were written in your book;
 they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of
 them.
 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
 how great is the sum of them!
 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

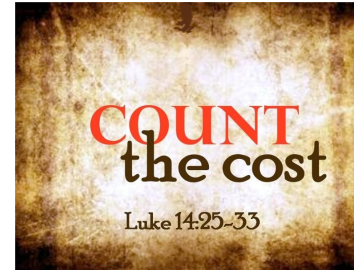
I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. PHILEMON 1-21

Hymn #431 'Take Up Your Cross'

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.



Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." LUKE 14:25-33
 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

We offer thanks for the buildings of this church, a symbol of your presence whenever we gather in your name;
For the space to gather, and be still and know that you are God.

We hold up before you the many ministries of this parish: for every person who contributes and every one who benefits: the ministries we see, the ones we overlook, and the ones we rarely know happen.
We thank you for the time and skills that people share to make your church a safe and welcoming place for all to know you, and serve our community with love.

We ask your blessings on Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Justin, Premier Stephen, and Mayor Rachel; for their health and well-being, and for their families and friends.
That they may know your grace and truth, and serve your people in faith and equality.

We remember today all those who grieve; especially for those whose families are named at our Fishermen's Memorial.
May those who have died rest in peace and rise in glory; and may their loved ones live in hope and holy comfort.

We ask your blessing on our children and youth; on their teachers and caregivers, their coaches and mentors.
May they carry you in their hearts as you encourage them in learning and community.

May all who suffer be relieved this day: those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit; those who live in fear, pain, or loneliness; those who struggle to meet their daily needs.
Guide us with compassion to respond with kindness and mercy.

We ask your blessing on ourselves, our families, our neighbourhoods;
That we may live with joy and security.

We hold before you all who are being affected by the multitude of storms; especially in the paths of named storms Dorian and Gabrielle, Lingling and Faxai; for other tropical storms developing:
Grant your comfort to those who are devastated, and your peace to those who continue to live in fear.

We ask you answer our prayers as may be best for us, that in all we do we might give you greater glory and praise.
In your name we pray: Amen.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The Parish of Digby-Weymouth, Rev Ross Hammond, Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Jean Austin; Parish of New Ross, Rev Laura McCue, Priest-in-Charge. Pray for all the church school teachers and pupils in our dioceses. Pray for all our children and their teachers in our day schools.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Rev Matthew Lee.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;
Clearwater - Fundy Leader; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.

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 #585 'Lord, Whose Love'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 #569 'Come, My Way';
#634 'Jesus, Remember Me' (repeated)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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 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 #564 'Lead Us, Heavenly Father'

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

Postlude: Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ—Johann Pachelbel

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/anointing. This service will take place in the Bartholomew Chapel at 9.30am (beginning September 15th).

FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please note the change)

The Annual Service and Blessing of the Fleet takes place 2:00 pm September 15th at the waterfront. All are welcome to attend.

HAND BELL PRACTICE

Hand Bell rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm. Anyone interested, new Ringers....all are welcome.

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)

SAVE THE DATE! CONGREGATIONAL BBQ

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

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