



# 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.*

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

One of the great privileges as a clergy person is regular requests to pray with and for people. Sometimes it happens at unexpected places or times, but to pray is a gift and a delight. And it's not limited to clergy; as the author of the letter to Timothy urges: that "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" including those whom we love and agree with, and those of opposing view points.

The option to pray is always there: not with an expectation to change the world outwardly, but with the hope that we might see our hearts aligning with the will of God.

Especially as we are challenged by the world around us, let us heed the invitation to pray for all of God's children and all of God's creation; that in this generation and for years to come, we may delight in peaceful and dignified lives.

*Laura Marie+*

## WELCOME BACK MARY!!!

### ASSISTING TODAY:

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Roger Demone  
Licensed Lay Ministers: 10:30 am Heather Hyson, Velvet Eliuk  
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Ben Smith  
10:30am Haigh Carthew, Katharine Owen  
Greeters:

### NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan  
Licensed Lay Ministers: 10:30 am Charlene Demone  
Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Susan Foote  
10:30am Rose Conrad, Lynn Ellis  
Greeters:

### HOLIDAYS:

Rev. Laura Marie is away this week (Sept 20-27) on holidays. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the office or one of the wardens.

We extend a grateful thanks to Rev. Linda McDonald, who is leading our worship this morning!

(Please note, there is no Wednesday Eucharist this week)

# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: March - William Walton

Hymn #398 'Let Us With a Gladsome Mind'

Children's Time

## The Gathering of the Community

Cel: 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.

Cel: 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 Collect of the Day

Cel: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple;

they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air,

and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

How long will you be angry, O Lord?

will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.

Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name;

deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I Timothy 2.1-7

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #572 'Let There Be Light'



## Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

LUKE 16:1-13

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sermon

Rev. Linda

### The Prayers of the People

To the petition "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Hear our prayer."

## Confession and Absolution

Cel: 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.

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.

Cel: 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

Cel: The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Cel: Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

### Offertory Hymn #322 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'

### The Prayer over the Gifts

Cel: Let us pray.

All: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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 and 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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:  
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

Cel: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one  
bread.  
All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.

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

## The Communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

~All those seeking Christ in their hearts  
are invited to receive the Holy Communion~

Communion Hymn #439 'Blest Are the Pure in Heart'

Hymn for Choir and Congregation; with Tricia Snell on flute  
Let Us Light a Candle – Richard Shepherd

In a world where people walk in darkness,  
Let us turn our faces to the light,  
To the light of God revealed in Jesus,  
To the Daystar scattering our night.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness,  
And the day will overcome the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suffering of the helpless,  
Casts a shadow all along the way,  
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness,  
And proclaim the dawning of the day.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness,  
And the day will overcome the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Let us light a candle in the darkness,  
In the face of death, a sign of life.  
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless,  
As a sign of peace in place of strife.  
For the light is stronger than the darkness,  
And the day will overcome the night.  
Though the shadows linger all around us,  
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Prayer After Communion

Cel: Let us pray.  
All: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,  
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

Cel: 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.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #438 'O Jesus I Have Promised'

Cel: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All : Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Recessional in C - John Dixon

Sunday School Duty Schedule:

Promised Doves: Anne Spence, Grace Roblee  
Rainbow Sunshine: Emmi Fraser, Jasmine Saunders  
Giraffes: Hughie Fraser  
Golden Dogs: Lori Nickerson  
General Assembly: Emmi Fraser  
Music: Lorne Spence

NOTICES

EPISCOPAL LETTER

Archbishop Ron has distributed a Pastoral Letter with Respect to Same Sex Marriage, detailing the practicalities around the rites and ministrations of same sex marriage (which is permitted within our diocese). The letter can be found at the back of the church on green paper, or online at:

<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/2019/SAME%20SEX%20MARRIAGE.pdf>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In an effort to keep everyone informed of the multitude of events that happen here at St. John's, please note the monthly calendar of events posted by the main doors. If you wish to have anything added, please speak to the rector!

### NEWSLETTER!

Do you have good news to be shared? Our Thanksgiving Newsletter is now being prepared! Submissions are to be received by noon on Monday, 23 Sept. Please email Brian Kenefick at [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca)

### WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAY GROUP

Starting this week, from 9.30 - 11.30, a pre-school play group will be once again up and running in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Skinner.

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4.00pm, we will host a service honouring St. Francis of Assisi, which will include the Blessing of the Animals. A time to thank God for all the gifts of nature, especially our furry, feathered, finned (and scaled?) friends whose presence enhances our lives. (Weather permitting, we will gather outside; we ask that pets be leashed/caged/restrained appropriately)

### 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)

### HARBOUR VIEW HAVEN TEA AND SALE

Wednesday October 30; \$5 admission  
Sale: 1.30-3.00, Floor Two Lounge  
Tea: 2.00-3.00, Main Dining Room

### MUSIC NOTES

Musique Royale events:

Camerata Carolina Heidelberg

Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm - St. John's Church, Lunenburg

David Greenberg & David McGuinness - Autumn Any Day Now

Wednesday, Sept 25 at 7 pm - St. Barnabas Church, Blue Rocks

Ensemble Caprice & Constantinople

Friday, Sept 27 at 7:30 pm - St. John's Church, Lunenburg

Cookie Concert with 'Doogie and Dun'

Saturday, October 5 at 2 pm - Lunenburg School of the Arts

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