

The Feast of St. Michael's and All Angels
September 29, 2019



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.*

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Rector's Message

Gracious God, we thank you for the children in our life,
and in our midst.
We thank you for their endless energy that you have gifted them with.
We thank you for their inquisitive minds,
which we prayed for them at their baptism,
which has led them to their deep desire to learn,
to understand, to explore.
We thank you for the laughter and singing and play
that reminds us of your great joy.

We ask your help in guiding them to your truth.
We ask your strength when their enthusiasm exceeds our own.
We ask your support as we practice patience.
We ask your forgiveness
when we have not felt overjoyed by their presence.

As you welcomed the children to come to you,
O Lord, inspire us as we invite them into your church.
We thank you for the children in our life;
a reminder that we are all children in your kingdom.

Laura Marie+

ASSISTING TODAY:

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan
Licensed Lay Ministers: 10:30 am Roger Demone;
Assisting: Haigh Carthew
Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Susan Foote; 10:30am Sunday School
Greeter: Fred Rhineland

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Susan MacMillan
Licensed Lay Ministers: 10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan
10:30am Sharon Green, Bruce Holdbrook

Sunday School Duty Schedule
Promised Doves..Missy Romkey/Olivia Romkey

Participating Family in Today's Service
Greeters: Emmi, Libby, and Eadlin Fraser, Carol Andrews
Collection/Offertory: Emmi, Libby, and Eadlin Fraser, Carol Andrews
Readers: Emmi, Libby, and Eadlin Fraser

The Holy Eucharist - Family Service

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: Suite for Organ - Albinoni

Processional Hymn

Come and Follow Me

A Gathering Song

Ronald W. Cadmus

Robert S. Cohen



Fol - low, come and fol - low me, Leave all that you have be - hind,
Fol - low, come and fol - low me, See the mir - a - cles I do,
Fol - low, come and fol - low me, Let my Spir - it lead the way,



Fol - low, come and fol - low me, All my bles - sings you will find
Fol - low, come and fol - low me, Great - er things I'll do through you.
Fol - low, come and fol - low me, To the King - dom's brand new day!



Fol - low me, Fol - low me, I'll show you the way to Life,
Fol - low me, Fol - low me, Let your praise my Love pro - claim,
Fol - low me, Fol - low me, Let my grace your soul re - new,



Let your heart just be - lieve That my peace will end your strife
Come, my true ser - vants be Spread through all the world my name
Take my bread, and re - ceive My a - bun - dant life in you.

Children's Time

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 we open our hearts, and we share all our hopes, and you know all our secrets. We ask for your Holy Spirit to help us keep our thoughts and actions pure so that we can love you entirely, and keep your name holy. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, you have made the work of angels and humans in wonderful orders. We ask that, as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, they will be ready to help us on earth. We ask this through Jesus, your Son, 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.

BIBLE READINGS

A Reading From the Book of Genesis ~Emmi Fraser

(Genesis 28:10-17)

Jacob left the town of Beersheba and started out for Haran. At sunset he stopped for the night and went to sleep, resting his head on a large rock. In a dream he saw a ladder that reached from earth to heaven, and God's angels were going up and down on it. The Lord was standing beside the ladder and said: I am the Lord God who was worshipped by Abraham and Isaac. I will give to you and your family the land on which you are now sleeping. Your descendants will spread over the earth in all directions and will become as numerous as the specks of dust. Your family will be a blessing to all people. Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you—I will do all I have promised. Jacob woke up suddenly and thought, "The Lord is in this place, and I didn't even know it." Then Jacob became frightened and said, "This is an awesome place! It must be the house of God and the ladder to heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103.19-22 ~Emmi & Eadlin Fraser

The Lord has established a throne in the heavens,

This kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,

you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the Lord, all heavenly hosts,
you ministers that do God's will.
Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of God's dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

A Reading From the Revelation to John ~Libby Fraser
(Rev 12.7-12)

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

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All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #405 'Alleluia No. 1'

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said, "Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn't deceitful." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. I tell you for certain that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man." (John 1.47-51)

Celebrant: The Good News of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Interactive prayers led by Laura Marie)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is constant in love, and always forgives us. God welcomes us all to share in the holy meal. Before we are fed, we confess the times that we have turned against God.

God of mercy:

All: We confess that we have turned away from you,

In our thoughts, our words, and our actions,

By what we have done, and what we have not done.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts

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

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer to one another a sign of God's peace!

Offertory Hymn #416 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: God of glory, as you have given us angels to bring your voice to us, may our worship today bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

Holy Holy Holy

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: Together we pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God, for the family of God.

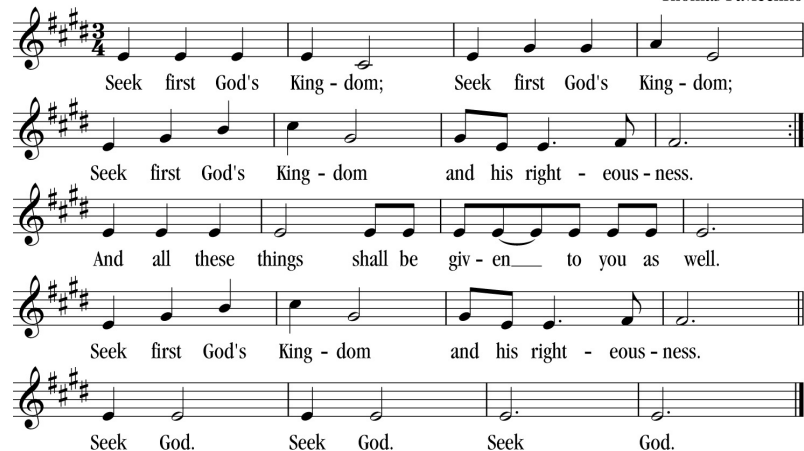
All: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN

Seek First God's Kingdom
Thomas Pavlechko



Seek first God's King - dom; Seek first God's King - dom;
Seek first God's King - dom and his right - eous - ness.
And all these things shall be giv - en to you as well.
Seek first God's King - dom and his right - eous - ness.
Seek God. Seek God. Seek God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection join in offering you service and praise, through 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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 Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon each of you, those you love, those you pray for, and those you serve, now and forever.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #577 'God of Grace and God of Glory'

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Tune – Albinoni

NOTICES

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.

THANKSGIVING NEWSLETTER

Your Thanksgiving Newsletter is now ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please help by delivering to a friend and neighbour.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAY GROUP

The Parish pre-school play group is once again up and running in the Parish Hall. Starting from 9.30am - 11.30am Wednesday mornings. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Skinner.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday October 6th, 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:

Cookie Concert with 'Doogie and Dun' -
Saturday, October 5 at 2 pm – Lunenburg School of the Arts
Ezra Duo - Wednesday, October 9 at 5 pm
– Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay
Please see Barbara if you wish further details.

NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 SOUTH SHORE

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saint John, NB is thinking outside the box. Check out "Outflow Ministry" at <https://outflowsj.com> Inspired by its work, the Parish of Christ Church in Shelburne has taken on some new initiatives.

Archbishop Ron Cutler will be in the South Shore Region November 5-7, 2019. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with the Archbishop and support the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. The Friends of the Bishop's Dinner (South Shore Region) will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Bridgewater on Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 6p.m. Tickets are \$30. To reserve your ticket and/or obtain further information contact the Holy Trinity's parish office at 902-543-3440 or Connie English at 902-543-9959 by October 30, 2019.

Diocesan Youth Conference: DYC is an annual gathering for youth from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who are in grade 7 through 12. It happens on the last weekend in October and is a conference spent in worship, learning about what it means to live as a Christian, hanging out with friends, and having a really great time. This year, the weekend is October 25 to 27 at Malagash Bible Camp. For more information, visit: <https://www.sharenspei.ca/dyc>.

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