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10:30 a.m.



Ascent - Jacob's Dream John August Swanson (1938-2021) [johnaugustswanson.com](http://johnaugustswanson.com)

## Feast of Dedication

St. John's Anglican Church  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Carl Fraser  
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO  
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall

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

Prelude: "Ein feste Burg" BuxWV 184

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

*Standing, we sing together:*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

300 Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

### OPENING GREETING

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, 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.**

### KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

### GLORIA

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray: **Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the faithful generations who helped establish this parish, and sowed seeds of the Gospel. Bless our community as we seek to hear and respond faithfully to your word today. Unite us in faith, strengthen us in hope and guide us in your love. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading*

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did



*Sitting, we listen to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

1 Peter 2:1-5

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

*Standing, we sing:*

GRADUAL HYMN

528 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 20:19-21

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he

said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sitting, we listen to:*

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930 - 2019)

*Standing for:*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church

We believe in God, the creator of all things,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
the Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt  
with steadfast love and mercy,

Who made a straight path in the wilderness,  
Who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus, the Messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us.

He is king of Kings, yet born of Mary.  
He showed God's love through healing and teaching,  
And chose the way of servant-suffering  
by dying on a cross.

After three days he rose from the dead  
and appeared to many.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the One who inspires faith,  
Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,

the One who breathes new life into the church and the world,  
Who is making all things new.  
We believe that God is still creating.  
We believe that Jesus is still with us.  
We believe that the Holy Spirit  
is calling us forth in love and mercy.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, we give thanks for the gift of loving faith communities around the world, and for this building which is for us a visible symbol of your presence in our lives and community. We give thanks for the faithful who have gathered in this place, and for your call in all times and places to share the gift of your love. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your presence with us in the past - for sharing with us the gifts of courage, restoration and renewed hope as a people called by you. We pray for continued wisdom and vision as we seek to share our faith with the generations yet to come. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faith of those who have gone before us, for the gifts they have shared with us, for the ways they continue to inspire and uphold us. We give thanks for our patron saint, John, and for all your saints in every age. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

O God, from dust and mud you make living stones and with them create dwelling places for your transforming peace and glory.. Grant that in the grace of the Holy Spirit, our beloved St. John's may always be a faithful witness to you. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

## OFFERTORY HYMN

474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

Warrington

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through sharing them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand your call to follow you faithfully all our days. Amen.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; heaven itself cannot contain you and your glory fills all the world. You inspire us to set sacred space aside for worship, and in them your gifts of grace are poured out upon your faithful people. This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom. Grant that in these mysteries we may be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world. Therefore with angels and archangels and those who worship you in every age, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from his mother, Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new

covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### 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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

### THE COMMUNION

*(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)*

### AGNUS DEI

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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

We Love This Place, O God

Quam Dilecta

*Standing, we pray the*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Author of life, you share with us this feast and nourish us with heavenly things. Grant that we may show the love of Christ in our lives, now and always. Amen.**

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

325 Angel-voices, ever singing

Angel voices

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Fughetta on “Iste Confessor”

H. Willan (1880-1968)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Cathy Ramey, Heritage Committee Chair, who crafted our collect for today's Feast of Dedication.

Come hear the end-of-season concert of the Capella Regalis South Shore Program choristers, joined by members of the Halifax Men, Boys, and Girls Choirs on Saturday, June 13 at 4 pm in the church.

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Church choir gathering	Thursday 4:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today:

Lectors: Hannah Griffin, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Raymond Francis

Greeters: Peter Smith, Rena and Henry Demone, Jim Shephard.

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Heather Eisenhauer, Dan Sargeant

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Peter Smith, Heather and Jim Eisenhauer, Jim Shephard.

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