Nov 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.



A side-chapel roof mosaic of St. Cecelia in Westminster Cathedral, London, England

St. Cecelia's Day (transferred)

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
www.stjohnslunenburg.org

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

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

Prelude: Prelude on a Folk-song, C. Armstrong Gibbs (1889-1960)
Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

354 Come, thou Fount of every blessing Nettleton

OPENING GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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

THE COLLECT

Gracious God, artist and composer of sight and sound, we give thanks for the gift of music and art, and the ways they help us to know you more fully. Strengthen us to be instruments of your compassion and goodness in the world. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ who lives in harmony with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the FIRST READING

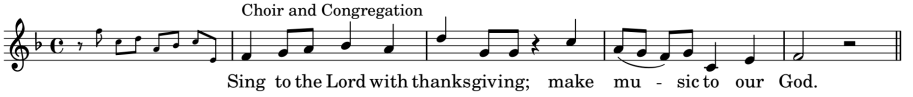
1 Chronicles 15: 16, 25-28

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as singers to raise loud sounds of joy on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals.

So David and the elders of Israel and the commanders of the thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the house of Obed-edom with rejoicing. And because God helped the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers, and David wore a linen ephod. So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.

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.

PSALM 47



Clap your hands together, all you peoples; O sing to God with shouts of joy. For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth. **Refrain**

He subdued the peoples under us and the nations under our feet. He has chosen our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. **Refrain**

God has gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of • the trumpet. O sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the SECOND READING

Acts 16:19b - 31

They seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken,

and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

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.

Standing, we sing

THE GRADUAL HYMN

508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Kingsfold

The Lord be with you
And also with you
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received

the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to: THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Chorister's Prayer John Harper (1947 -)

Standing we say together: THE SHEMAH

(The prayer Jesus recited twice a day)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Sitting for PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of rich harmonies and simple tunes, of compelling rhythms and peaceful melodies we give thanks for the ways you surround and uphold us with your presence in song and silence.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of stirring choruses and clanging dissonance, you startle us with clarity and offer space for us to express our anguish and lament. We give thanks that you meet us with a consolation that honours the whole of our story. **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

God of the carillon, of calls to prayer and remembrance, remind us anew of the ways your love tolls and reverberates through the whole of our lives, **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, help us to honour the importance of rest, and to know that you are there in the space between. Be with those we hold in our hearts, those who have asked for our prayers and those known to you alone, may your eternal song of love be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

Standing for THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

307 When Long Before Time The Singer and the Song

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator God, may our prayer and praise ever reflect the beauty of the worship in heaven, where saints and angels sing your praise. May our offerings bring honour to your name, and expand your goodness in the world. 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;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
because in the fellowship of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore we join our voices with theirs as earth and heaven unite 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 us 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 sons and daughters; 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 them 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

All are welcome to receive.Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like communion to be brought to you, please signal an usher.

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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

184 My Song is Love Unknown — Love Unknown

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, nourished by heavenly food, we pray your continued guidance as we seek to serve you faithfully in all that we say and do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

(followed by the people's Amen.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When in the Music God is Glorified — Engelberg (598)

1. When in our Music God is Glorified
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried, Hallelujah!

2. How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Hallelujah!

3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Hallelujah!

4. And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Hallelujah!

5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Hallelujah!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Sandra will be making her visit to the churches of the South Shore. She cordially invites everyone to join her for coffee and tea at St. James Anglican Church in Mahone Bay on Saturday Nov. 21st from 10-12.

You are invited to join us in reading Walking with Angels: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026 by Eleanor Sanderson. Copies will be available for $20.

This week in the life of the church:

Heritage Committee (Church)	Monday 11-1
Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice (All Welcome)	Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today

Chimer: Peter Allen
8:30 Lector: Margaret Murray
10:30 Rosemary Smith, Mary Meisner
Licensed Lay Minister: Robert MacMillan
Live Stream: Raymond Francis
Greeters: Jim Eisenahauer
BOH: Ron Wall

Assisting with the Service next week, Nov 22 :

Chimer: Peter Allen
8:30 Lector: Bruce Holdbrook
10:30 Lectors: Ron Wall, Jim Shephard
Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan
Live Stream Tech: Raymond Francis
Greeters: Pam and Duncan Crowdis
BOH: Jim Shephard