

10:30 a.m.



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The Feast of St. Francis

Season of Creation

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

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

419 Let all creation bless the Lord

Mit Freuden Zart

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.**

THE COLLECT
attributed to St. Francis

Let us Pray:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:

where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Sitting, we listen to the

FIRST READING.

SIRACH 6:14-17

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price; no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; and those who fear the Lord will find them. Those who fear the Lord direct their friendship aright, for as they are, so are their neighbours also.

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.

Organ Choir and Congregation

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Praise the name of the Lord'. It features two staves. The first staff is for the Organ, with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff is for the Choir and Congregation, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord' are written below the second staff, with 'Praise,' under the first measure, 'O' under the second, 'Praise' under the third, and 'the name of the Lord' under the remaining four measures.

Refrain

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Sitting, we listen to the SECOND READING

GALATIANS 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

398 Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

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 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

L.J. White (1910-1970)

Standing we say together:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Tirechan's Creed, 7th century

from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670

**Our God is the God of all humans, the God of heaven and earth,
the God of seas and rivers, the God of sun and moon,
the God of all heavenly bodies,
the God of the lofty mountains, the God of the lowly valleys.**

**God is above all the heavens; and beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea, and everything in them,
such God has as an abode. God inspires all things
gives life to all things, stands above all things,
and stands beneath all things.**

**God enlightens the light of the sun,
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.**

**And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,
and similar in all respects neither is the Son younger nor older;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable.
Amen.**

Based on the Canticle of the Sun by St. Francis
(translated by Reeve Lindburgh)

Lord we offer thanks and praise for the circle of our days. For the radiance of the sun, which sets the course of our days. May our daily rotations bring honour to each of the days shared with us.

God of light and life, hear our prayer.

We offer thanks and praise for the light of the night - for moon, and stars, which help us navigate voyages geographic and spiritual. We praise you for wind and air, through all their variations, such beautiful and strange companions. May we glimpse your glory in the shadowed places and see your movements through the fog and gloom that inevitably come.

God of moon and stars, hear our prayer.

We offer thanks and praise for water, flowing source of birth and growth, sustaining us day to day with cleansing, hydration and reminders of our baptism. Home to scallops, lobsters, coral, algae and so many floating swimming things.

God of flowing water, hear our prayer.

We offer thanks and praise for the earth and all its plants and trees, for the healing they bring. Be with us all on the healing journey that is life and with us, too, in the journey that is death.

God of eternity, hear our prayer.

For all your gifts, of every kind, we offer praise with quiet mind. Be with us Lord, and guide our ways around the circle of our days. **Amen.**

Standing for

THE PEACE

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

416 Each radiant flower that opens

Royal Oak

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator God, the glory of your works fill us with awe and wonder. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all creation for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

God of power and might you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you.

As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. And so with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious 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.**

Christ is the Word that brought order to chaos, bringing all things into being, breathing Spirit into dust. Christ is the Light that overcame the darkness. Christ is the Water that quenches our thirst. Christ is the Bread that rises from the earth, feeding the poor and hungry, giving us wisdom and strength for each day. Christ is the Vine that connects all creation, binding us together in the unity of the Spirit, causing us to bear fruit for the world. Christ is the Life that death could not destroy.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, and the whole earth and make it your new creation. As we share this meal may we offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, 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

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.**

(All are welcome to receive. Gluten free wafers are available.
Communion can be brought to you, please signal an usher.)

THE COMMUNION HYMN

77 The Son of God Proclaim

Sunderland

Standing, we pray the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all goodness, who gave your servant Francis a will to serve others, give us grace to share our lives faithfully, that having shared this meal we are strengthened and renewed to share the light and life of your love made known to us in 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

425 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and care for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Blessing of the Animals	Sunday (TODAY) 2:00 p.m
Family Play Group (Lower Hall)	Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice (All Welcome)	Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today, Oct. 4:

8:30 Lector: Theo Heffler

10:30 Lectors: Maureen Moffatt, Donald Russell

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Pam and Duncan Crowdis

BOH: Duncan Crowdis

Assisting with the Service next week, Oct. 11:

8:30 Lector: Susan Foote

10:30 Lectors: Patsy Perkins, Ron Wall

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Raymond Francis

Greeters: Heather Hyson and Sherry Skinner

BOH: Jim Shephard



Oct 4th has been declared International Chorister Day. We give thanks for our Choristers and their Director, and all who help us to have a vibrant and growing music ministry.