

Welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Johns. It is good to be back among you, following our vacation.

During vacation, my dad passed away suddenly in his sleep. He will be greatly missed, but we are grateful that he passed away peacefully. A sincere word of gratitude to everyone who offered their prayer and support at the time of my dad's death, a few weeks ago. Holly, I and the family, are most appreciative of the many acts of kindness shown to us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus confronts us with the question: "Why are you looking for me?" Why are we looking for God, for Jesus? Is it merely for the things he gives us? We receive much from God, that is true, but do we look for Jesus for himself, for what he means in our lives? It is he who makes our life meaningful and tells us how we can keep growing as his brothers and sisters.

Many people are hungry today. But is it only for bread or rice or whatever is their staple food? As Christians we have to be concerned about the problem of hunger in the world, but we should not forget the great hunger for human dignity, justice, peace. There is Someone who came among people to satisfy the deepest human hungers and made himself bread for the life of the world. It is Jesus the Lord, here among us. If we believe in him and follow him on his way of self-giving we can work through him and with him to bring to a hungry world the full food that satisfies all hungers. Have a great week.

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

*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 year 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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Bill Black; **10:30 am** Holly Mitchell, Charlene Demone
Lectors: **8:30 am** Laura Roblee, Gill Osmond
10:30 am Heather Hyson, Lillian Keeping
Sidespersons: **10:30 am** Mary Brownless; **Hostesses:** Sheila Morris, Ann Perry

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Holly Mitchell
Lectors: **8:30 am** Ed & Sandra Jordan
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Mary Meisner
Hostesses: Barbara Simonds, Holly Mitchell
Sidespersons: **10:30 am;** Jim & Viola Green

St. John's Honorary Assistant Organist, James Aulenbach will be our musician during August while Organist, Barbara Butler has vacation.

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

Sung Setting by John Marbecke, #677ff, in Common Praise

Prelude:

Announcements

Processional Hymn #370 Songs of Praise the Angels Say

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Sung) # 677 CP Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

Our living God, we hunger for lasting life and happiness and the fulfilment of our hopes. Satisfy all our hungers through your Son Jesus Christ, the bread of life. May he lead and strengthen us to bring to a waiting world the food of reconciliation and joy which you alone can give to the full. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SAMUEL

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As

the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

2 SAMUEL 11:26-12:13A

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. **R**

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. **R**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **R**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. **R**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. **R**

PSALM 51:1-13

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

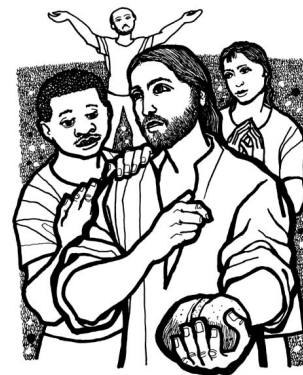
EPHESIANS 4:1-16

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 484 In Christ There is No East or West

Reader The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy Spirit.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**



When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as

it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." JOHN 6:24-35

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. 'Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.' *Matthew 1.28*

'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.' *Jn 3.16*
Hear also what Saint Paul saith. 'This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' *1Tim 1.15*
Hear also what Saint John saith.
'If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.' *1 John 2.1,2*

Then shall be said:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: + have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #45 I King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar. **As the gifts are received, all sing:**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

The Prayer over the Gifts *Read by celebrant.*

God our Father, for this meal of thanksgiving we bring before you bread and wine, the gifts you yourself have given us. Let them become the living signs of your Son, so that he may sustain us on our journey to lasting life and joy and dispose us to give ourselves with him for the life and happiness of all your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

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All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, *“Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer:*

We are bold to pray in Jesus' name.

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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and all say:

All We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Communion #685

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

The celebrant and people receive communion. At the distribution the minister says to each communicant,

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee (preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving). **Amen.**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee (preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful). **Amen.**

You are reminded of the Bishop's directive that the normative manner for Anglicans to receive Holy Communion is by taking from the common cup. Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not an acceptable practice.

This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Communion, hymns may be sung, silence may be kept.

Communion Hymns #70 Jesu, the Joy of Loving Hearts;
#63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant.*

Our loving Father, in the bread broken for us here we recognize him who is the light of life, your Son Jesus Christ. Give us this bread always, let him be our daily bread, which tastes better when it is shared with those who hunger in any way. Grant this through 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

May God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us in the days ahead, that we may rise to new life in God's grace. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival ~ August 6 - 9

Ensemble Polaris ~ Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 pm

Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal ~ Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 morning worship service

Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra ~ Saturday, August 29 at 7:30 pm

Suzie LeBlanc, soprano; Mark Simons, clarinet; Robert Kortgaard, piano ~ Saturday, Sept 19 at 7:30 pm

Musical Interludes with Jim Aulenbach in July and August ~ Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. at 3:30 pm(except concert days)

Chimes will ring Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 5 pm and on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at 2 pm.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday.