



# 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 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.*



Welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Johns. May your presence today at this Eucharist, bring you refreshment and renewal.

May people struggle with organized religion, perhaps saying they want to follow God by themselves. They say they don't need religion or the church. Sometimes the criticisms are justified, especially when the church has not been welcoming, or caught up in internal wrangling, or has been less than compassionate.

Although the church is not perfect, it is beautiful on the inside. "Why do you stay in the church even though you may see glaring defects in its structures and members?" My personal answer is that I see the church's numerous qualities and beauty. The Church brings me a message of life and hope for our world and especially, I see the Lord present in it. I am an Anglican by choice and I love the church because I find my Lord there, in the Word, the Eucharist and in the Community.

The Church is also a place where I am called to accountability and service of others. It's easy to be something when we are never challenged or called to accountability. The Christ I know, was always challenging and calling others to be real and grounded in their love for God and in their love for others.

I know the Church is still on the pilgrim way and so it cannot yet be perfect. For me the Church does not have to be perfect, for it is a Church of people and leaders who struggle and try, and so the Lord is there.

The Gospel calls us to confirm our membership in the Body of Christ by our everyday Christian living, in our dealings with those around us in love, justice, and forgiveness? When our faith is put to the test let us renew our choice and say: "Lord, to whom else shall we go? You are the Lord of my life."

Have a wonderful week.

*Michael +*

**LAY MINISTERS TODAY**

**Lay Readers:** **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer; **10:30 am** Penny & Graham Pratt

**Lectors:** **8:30 am** Jane Ritcey, Shirley Woods

**10:30am** Sandy MacDonald, Sheila Morris

**Sidespersons:** Marlene Bower, Rena Demone

**Hostesses:** Lucy Oliver, Ida Anderson

**NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH**

**Lay Readers:** **8:30 am** Bill Black; **10:30 am** Susan MacMillan, Sharon Green

**Lectors:** **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer, Mabel Hardiman

**10:30am** Hazel & Fred Oliver; **Sidesperson:** Patty & Fred Rhineland

**Hostesses:** Catherine Hanhams, Laura Risser

# The Holy Eucharist

*Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen.*

**Introit: Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal**

**Announcements**

## The Gathering of the Community

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Processional Hymn #300** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

### Greeting

*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.**

*All* 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.**

### Glory To God - Sung

Glory to God in the highest, 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.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the courage to be faithful.  
*The community prays silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

Faithful God of the covenant, in the daily choices we have to make give us the courage to opt always for your Son and his ways and to remain close to him. Bless the difficult road we sometimes have to take without seeing where it will lead us. Keep us from making half-hearted decisions when we have not enough faith. Keep us always faithful through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

I KINGS 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

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

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**PSALM REFRAIN Happy are the people whose strength is in you!**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R**

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob. **R**

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you! **R**

**Psalm 84**

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**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*EPHESIANS 6:10-20*

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Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO JOHN**

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



Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that

gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*JOHN 6:56-69*

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed** *United with Christians the world over, we profess our faith.*

**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** *Please kneel or sit for the prayers*  
**Refrain: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
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.

**The Peace** *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

### **Offertory Hymn #628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**

*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.*

Lord our God, the death of Jesus, your Son, was the price you paid for our freedom. In these signs of bread and wine he gives himself again to us as our food and drink of life. Draw us to yourself and strengthen us to serve one another in hope and joy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving - 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.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.”*

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. *(Sung)*

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

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

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,

a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.** *(Sung)*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We pray for the strength to remain faithful, saying:*

**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 says:*

Celebrant:

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Communion**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

*The celebrant and people receive communion.*

*The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you). *The communicant responds each time, 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.*

*(Please join the choir in singing the Communion Hymn)*

**Music during communion :**

Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal

### **Prayer After Communion**

Lord our God, in response to your love, we have chosen you at baptism as the God of our lives. In the strength of this Eucharist help us to renew day after day this commitment to you and your kingdom. We make our thought through Jesus 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

Do not be afraid, for the Father loves us.  
Do not be afraid, for Christ walks by our side.  
Do not be afraid, for the Holy Spirit will give us courage.  
Do not be afraid, for we are in God's hands.  
Go and face life and bear witness to God's love with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn #526** God is Our Fortress and Our Rock

**Postlude: Ein' Feste Burg – Pachelbel**

## NOTICES

Our guests - Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal, directed by Christopher Jackson: *Praised for its "rich-textured, vibrant sound" and "hypnotic beauty", the Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal has established a reputation as Montréal's finest early music vocal ensemble. Composed of 10 to 13 singers chosen for the remarkable clarity and purity of their voices, the Studio was founded in 1974 by the organist and harpsichordist Christopher Jackson, whose inspired leadership continues to this day. We are honoured to welcome the choir to our service this morning.*

Musique Royale will present Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal this evening at 8 pm at Manning Memorial Chapel in Wolfville

## SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

**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.

**Sunday School Registration and classes will commence on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am at the Parish Hall.** We welcome everyone and would encourage parents to bring the children to obtain their religious education, having fun while learning. Everyone is invited to join the Sunday School after the 10:30 worship service for a Barbecue.

## VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDES FOR ST. JOHN'S NEEDED

Once again this year we are asking parishioners to volunteer as Tour Guides during the month of September. Anyone interested in helping out with the Tour Program should call the Parish Office.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Most Rev'd. Francis Kyung Jo Park, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

**Diocesan Cycle:** The Parish of Brooklyn, vacant - St. James', Brooklyn, St. John the Baptist, Poplar Grove; Christ Church, Windsor, Rev'd David Curry and Marilyn; Annapolis, Rev'd Canon Ken Vaughan and Barbara, Rev'd Ruby Todd, Assistant Priest.

**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of Central United Church and Rev'd Grace Caines-Corkum.

**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I;** Clearwater - **Tenacity;** **Joides Resolution;** **Concordia;** **Picton Castle**

Have a blessed week.

We look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday.

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