

# 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 would 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.**

## RECTOR'S MESSAGE



We come together for another celebration of 'Thanksgiving.' It is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to call to mind the words given in the BCP at the time we offer to the Lord, ourselves, our monetary gifts and the gifts of bread and wine: "BLESSED be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. I

Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14."

The people of Lunenburg have long benefited from abundant 'Harvests of the Land, Sea and Forests. The presence of "The Little Sister" dory in our church again this year, reminds us of God's abundance and of our desire to offer thanksgiving and give a portion of our abundance to those who are less fortunate.

Thanksgiving is a God-given gift that we all possess, whether we are aware of it or not. Someone once said: "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

Anglican Archbishop William Temple wrote, "it is more important to thank God for blessings received than to pray for them beforehand..." The prayer of thanksgiving is a recognition that God is at work in our lives and in the world. Gratitude and thanks-giving can change the attitude of others as well. Anger can be turned aside, envy overcome and depression and self-pity can be buoyed up when we remember to be thankful. Those of us who are blessed in life have the magical opportunity to lift our own spirits and to give joy to others by expressing our gratitude through sharing what we have.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving 2009, we pray for grateful hearts that share generously of our time, talent and financial blessings. Have a great week.

*Michael+*

# The Holy Eucharist

Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen,

**Prelude: Chorale Prelude - Willan**

## The Gathering of the Community

### Announcements and Welcome

**St. John's Ringers:** Alleluia Give Thanks – arr. Sondra Tucker

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Processional Hymn #344** From All That Dwell Below the Skies

### 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

**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 a spirit of Thanksgiving. *The community prays silently.  
The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

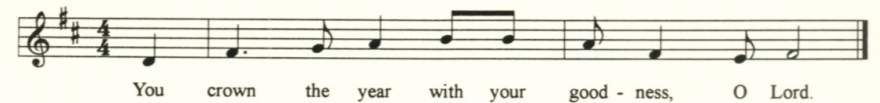
Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors as he is doing today. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

### PSALM 65



You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. **R**

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. **R.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. **R**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **R**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. **R**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. **R**

### **A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "*He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.*" He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

**Gradual Hymn #403** Let All Things Now Living

### **Gospel**

The Lord be with you. *People* **And with your Spirit.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE** *People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him.

Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*" When he saw them, he said to them, "*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*" And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "*Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?*" Then he said to him, "*Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.*"

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

LUKE 17:11-19

### **Sermon**

**The Apostles Creed** *We give thanks for our faith, as we say,*

**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.*

**Response: Lord our God, we give you thanks.**

### **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.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

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

#### **Offertory Hymn #401** “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

*We welcome the Sunday School children and teachers to our Service. 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.*

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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 to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. We give you thanks for the abundance of creation, for rich harvests of land and sea. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

**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.**

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 the Virgin 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.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

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; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.** *(Sung)*

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

In a spirit of gratitude for God's many blessings, let us pray:

**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*

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered from the ends  
of the earth into your kingdom.**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **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). **Amen.**

The blood of Christ (shed for you). **Amen.**

*The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to the Lord's table  
all the baptized who desire to receive Holy Communion,  
and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

**Communion Hymns #402** Confitemini Domino  
**#49** Draw Near and Take

**Choir Anthem:** Let All the World – Gilbert

**Children's Time - Tone Chimes** "Simple Gifts"

**The Prayer after Communion** *Read by celebrant.*

God of our hope, in this Eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of 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**

Let us rejoice and give thanks in the Day of the Lord. **Amen.**

May 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 #399** Now Thank We All Our God

**Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God - Karg-Elert**

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### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

**10:30 am** Velvet Eliuk, Sharon Green, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone, Graham Pratt

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Gill Osmond, Shirley Woods

**10:30 am** Heather Eisenhauer, Sharon Green; **Server:** Brooklyn Green

**Sidespersons:** Sheila & Jim Morris

### NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

**10:30 am** Penny Pratt, Holly Mitchell, Sheila Morris

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Ben & Roxie Smith; **Sidespersons:** Sheila & Jim Morris

**10:30 am** Ann Grandy, Bruce Holdbrook; **Server:** Eric Pottie

## NOTICES

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations placed in The dorey 'Little Sister' as well as the monetary donations. These gifts go to our local **Food Bank**. Donations may be brought on any Sunday, and placed in the trawl tubs located at the entrance of the church.

**Sunday School Movie Night** - Thursday, October 22, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. We will be having pizza and drinks. The movie will be good for all ages 3 and up. Please accompany your child and plan to stay.

**Confirmation Classes** - There are no classes tonight due to Thanksgiving. Next meeting, Sunday, October 18, with a potluck supper. Bring along something to share with everyone. On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 am service, we will have a special celebration with our Confirmation Candidates followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. Everyone welcome.

**Parish Council Meeting** is at our new time, Thurs. Oct. 15 at 7 pm.

Our next **Baptisms** will take place at the 10:30 am service November 15. Please contact Mary at the Parish Office 634-4994.

**Bible Study Magazine** - We have 25 copies of 'Bible Study Magazine', with plans to host a parish bible study. Single copies are available for \$6.00 or for an annual subscription of \$25.00. For more information speak with Rev. Michael.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for The Rt. Rev'd. Philip D. Baji, Tanzania.

**Diocesan Cycle:** Pray for **The Parish of St. Andrew's, Hantsport**, Rev'd Michael Boyd; **St. John's, Wolfville (Horton)**, Rev'd Sandra Fyfe and James, Rev'd Ann Watson, Deacon, Rev'd Dr. Bruce Matthews, Honorary Assistant, and Pamela; **St. James', Kentville**, Archdeacon Lynn Uzans and Elmer, Rev'd Catherine Desloges, Ass't Priest, and Brian.

**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev'd Kenneth Wild.

**Fisherries:** Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap** Clearwater - **Atlantic Protector**; **Picton Castle**.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Here are our numbers if you need to reach us in the meantime.

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