



Welcome parishioners and friends to St. John's. Today we give thanks for 'vision.' Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man who now sees and understands that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Our monthly Family Services are marvellous opportunities for children, parents, families and parishioners to celebrate God's goodness and care for us. Our children take an active part, the music reflects the family theme, our preaching and welcome helps everyone to 'see' that our children and youth are vital parts of our parish family.

Today we give thanks for the ministry of Jane Lordly, who has dedicated herself to our Sunday School for the past 12 years as teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. We wish God's blessings upon her new ventures.

We also give thanks for the ten youth and one adult who are being confirmed this Wednesday evening, October 28 at 7pm, at St. James Church in Mahone Bay. We rejoice with them for the decision they are making in reaffirming the faith first made for them as infants at Baptism. Now as young adults, they will claim this faith for themselves. I am delighted that we are moving forward to form a Youth Ministry here in the parish, and hope that those being confirmed will be at the heart of this ministry. A word of gratitude to the volunteers who are making this possible.

Jesus heals a blind man in the Gospel. Let all of us to whom God has given good eyes thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of sight. But today the Lord asks us: Do you see with the eyes of your heart what I am asking of you? Do you see the way I have shown you? Do you see the people I have placed on your way and are you aware of their needs and hungers? Do you see the beauty of the world I created and are you willing to keep it a marvel for you and your children? Let us ask the Lord in this Eucharist to open our eyes to God and people. Have a great week!

Father Michael+

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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server: 10:30 am** Alex Knickle
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Graham Pratt
Lectors: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer, Mabel Hardiman
10:30 am Sunday School; **Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Reg & Sandy MacDonald

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server: 10:30 am** Kelly Chapman
10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone, Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Jo Eisenhauer, Gill Osmond
10:30am Heather Hyson, Lillian Keeping
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Reg & Sandy MacDonald

Heritage  Faith  Vision

St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

St. John's Family Service

Prelude: Sicilienne - Archer

Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #430 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And also with you.**

YOUTH Love has brought us here today.
Not our love for God but God's steadfast love for us:
the love of God for healing and renewed life.
the love of God for that which is dis-eased.
the love of the Forgiver for that which needs forgiveness.

All **Love has brought us here today.**
We love because God first loved us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray that our lives will bear witness to our faith.

The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.

Our living God, you are very near to us in our joys and pains. Give us the eyes of faith and love to see the mission you have given us in life and the courage and grace to carry it out. Make us also clear-sighted enough to see the needs of people who cry out their misery or suffer in silence, that we may bring them your healing compassion and lead them to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB -8:30 am Service

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too

wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

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

PSALM 34 REFRAIN

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

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. **R**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of my terror. **R**

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **R**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. **R**

Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him. **R**

Pamela Rogers ~ **A Gaelic Blessing - Rutter**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS - 8:30 SERVICE

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners,

and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. HEBREWS 7:23-28

At the 10:30 am SERVICE

Before, there were a lot of priests, for they died and had to be replaced. But Jesus' priesthood is permanent. He's there from now to eternity to save everyone who comes to God through him, always on the job to speak up for them. So now we have a high priest who perfectly fits our needs: completely holy, not touched by sin, with authority extending as high as God's presence in heaven itself.

Unlike the other high priests, he doesn't have to offer sacrifices for his own sins every day before he can get around to us and our sins. He's done it, once and for all: offered up himself as the sacrifice. The law appoints as high priests men who are never able to get the job done right. But God appointed his Son as our high priest, who is absolutely, eternally perfect. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #342 We Praise You, O God

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

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



They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said

to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. MARK 10:46-52
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon & Children's Talk

Jr Choir Anthem "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

**Names of those from St. John's being confirmed
Wednesday, October 28, 7pm at St. James, Mahone
Bay by Bishop Ron Cutler:
Abigail (Abbey) Payne, Jean Clarke, Alyssa Gerhardt,
Marla Russell, Grace Clarke, Shelby Williams, Sarah
Mack, Kelly Chapman, Brooklyn Green, Brittany
Gerhardt, Kristen Hiltz**

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Almighty God, we thank you for these confirmation candidates in our midst. We rejoice that you have called them to a deeper relationship with and with your church. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them, and give them the confidence to walk each day in following your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Song and Thank you to Jane Lordly

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Tonechimes "Morning Has Broken"

The Apostles Creed *In song let us confess the faith of our baptism,*

We believe in God the Father, **Refrain: We believe, we believe.**
We believe he is the Holy One, **R.**
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord, **R.**
We believe he is God's only Son, **R.**
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; For us he died and was buried; On the third day he rose again.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, **R.**
We believe in the Holy Church of God, **R.**
We believe in God's forgiveness, The resurrection from the dead.
We believe in life everlasting, We believe, we believe. Amen.
We believe. Amen. We believe.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*
Response: 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.

All 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. **Amen.**

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

Our God is a God of peace. God desires us to live with one
another in peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Offertory Hymn #460 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

*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, the whole world is a sign of you: Your beauty is
reflected in every flower and each ray of the sun shines with your light.
Give each of us a grateful heart that rejoices in simple things. Give us new
eyes to discover all around us the love and the life of Jesus your Son and
give us faith to see how good it is to be your people in the same Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

That we forgive others that we may be forgiven, 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.**

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.**

Sung Blessing: May Sunshine Light Your Way - Albrecht/Althouse

Blessing & Dismissal

Our Lord opened the eyes of the blind and invites us to open our eyes
to those around us in need. United with Christ, let us bring him to
everyone we meet, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
+ the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and always. **Amen.**

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

**Please join us in the parish hall for a pot luck luncheon
with our Confirmation candidates. Everyone is welcome.
See you there!**

Recessional Hymn #352 Amazing Grace

Postlude: Grand Choeur - Hollins

We welcome guest soloist, **Pamela Rogers**. A native of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Pamela Rogers graduated from Mount Allison University in 1998, earning a B. Mus. degree, with distinction, in applied music. She continued her studies in London, England and upon her return worked in Banff, AB. In 2002 Pamela moved to Liverpool, NS to open a private vocal studio. She relocated to Lunenburg with her partner, Matt in November 2007 and maintains a teaching practice in both Liverpool and Lunenburg.

NOTICES

FINAL CONFIRMATION CLASS

This evening marks the final Confirmation Class. Pizza will be served.

PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)

In case of illness or absence from the parish, you can still ensure that you are able to make your offering to God and the support of the parish. By using PAR, you are able to do so. Please get your form at the Parish office to sign up. It is a great way to make your contributions to the parish all year long, especially the "snow birds" who will soon be thinking of leaving Lunenburg for the winter months.

EXCITING TRIP TO ITALY, JUNE 28 - JULY 13, 2010

Join Father Michael and Holly Mitchell for a 16 day leisurely tour of beautiful, historic Italy. **Tour Highlights include:** A Gondola ride in Venice, Dinner and wine tasting at a Tuscan Wine Estate, Special dinner in Rome. **World Heritage Sites** include: *Milan* - Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, *Verona*, *Venice* - St. Mark's Squar and Canals, *Pisa* with the leaning Tower, *San Gimignano*, beautiful *Siena* - Historic *Florence* - Piazza del Duomo, *Assisi* - the Basilica of San Francesco, tour of Ancient *Rome*, *Villa Adriana*, *Tivoli*, *Vatican City* and *St. Peter's Basilica*, **The Amalfi Coast, Naples** and much more.

This trip, hosted by Michael and Holly will be a relaxing experience. For more information and to learn how you can be a part of this exciting trip, please contact Michael or Holly (634-8477).

LADIES GUILD NEWS

Again this year, the St. John's Ladies Guild will be making their 'Christmas Cranberries'. We would appreciate donations of new or used pint and half-pint mason jars which can be dropped off at the church hall. For pick-up call Susan MacMillan at 634-3019 or Barbara Simonds at 634-3319.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The deadline for submitting stories and articles for the Advent/ Christmas Newsletter is November 12. Please submit your material to Brian Kenefick at cynffig@eastlink.ca or to the parish office.

A sincere 'thank you' to all the volunteer Tour Guides during September and October. It is unbelievable to even imagine, but these folks welcomed 6000 visitors to St. John's during this six week period.

Church calendars are available from Hazel Oliver for \$4.00. Please call 634-3236.

The Remembrance Day Service on November 11 will be held after the Laying of Wreaths at Central United Church. All choir members are encouraged to participate in this service.

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. Speak with Rev. Michael.

REMEMBERING SUNDAY - November 8th

On Sunday, Nov 8th, we will be remembering in prayer, departed loved ones who have died since our last Remembering Service in 2008.

This service will commemorate all our loved ones who have passed away and who have been buried from our parish since our last Remembering Service in 2008. We will also mention by name and remember loved ones who have died this past year and may have been buried elsewhere than St. John's.

Families will be given an opportunity to come forward and to light a *Candle of Remembrance* in memory of their loved ones and the names of the departed will be included in the service bulletin.

If you have a name to be included in the bulletin, please contact the parish office before November 3rd.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Season passes for **Symphony on the Shore** are on sale at Fulton's Pharmacy or through Ruth at the office in the church hall (634-9994; stjartsalliance@eastlink.ca). The series of 3 concerts is presented by the St. Cecilia Concert Society. A series pass is \$60, single tickets are \$25. Student tickets are available at the door for the special admission price of \$10. The 2009-10 series opens with a Maritime Pops concert on Saturday, November 28 at 7:30 pm with a featured presentation by MIR: **A Soldier's Carol** led by conductor Martin MacDonald. A special reception will follow in the church hall following this opening concert. Halifax progressive pop trio MIR joins Symphony Nova Scotia for a holiday concert unlike any other. Performing the original, intricately arranged songs from their EP *A Soldier's Carol*, as well as samplings from their extensive repertoire, MIR presents a concert of hope, faith, and brotherhood to usher in a holiday season.

Musique Royale presents A King's Christmas with Kings College Chapel Choir directed by Paul Halley on Friday, December 11 (time to be announced) St. Cecilia Concert Society presents 'Bowls of Cheer' an afternoon of seasonal storytelling and music with Blue Engine String Quartet and actress Shelley Thompson on Sunday, December 20 at 2 pm.

Lunenburg Jr. High's 'Hallowe'en Haunt' - The students of Lunenburg High School will be canvassing each household Friday, October 30 from 10 am - 12 pm for non perishable food items for the Lunenburg Food Bank, as well as 5 cent recyclables donated to Lunenburg Student Council. Please place your blue bag of recycled items on your front step or lawn and a grocery bag with Food Bank items on the door knob or on your step.

Lunenburg & District Music Festival Fundraiser - "Candlelight Concert" with students, teachers and special guests will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Central United Church. Adults \$7, Family \$15, Students \$4. Tickets available at Fulton's Pharmacy.

HUMOR

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb. 'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' says the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?' 'Well, to tell you the truth,' says the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today.' 'I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?' protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning. 'Who's going to tell?' says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kph. 'Please slow down, Your Holiness!' pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens. 'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my license and my job!' moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio. 'I need to talk to the Chief,' he says to the dispatcher. The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 205 kph. 'So bust him,' says the Chief. 'I don't think we want to do that. He's really important,' said the cop. The Chief exclaimed, 'All the more reason!' 'No, I mean really important,' said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, 'Who do you have there, the mayor?' Cop: 'Bigger.' Chief: 'A senator?' Cop: 'Bigger.' Chief: 'The Prime Minister?' Cop: 'Bigger.' 'Well,' said the Chief, 'who is it?' Cop: 'I think it's God!' The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?' Cop: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can You tell me where the Post Office is?" The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right." The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven." The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Rt. Rev'd Bernard Balmoi - Sudan.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for The **Parish of New Germany**, Rev'd Oliver Osmond, Priest-in-Charge, and Rosalie, Rev'd Catherine Robar, Assistant Priest, and Foard; **Parish of St. Martin's, Western Shore**, Rev'd Bonnie Baird and David, Rev'd Ronald Barkhouse, Assistant Priest, and Peggy.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and the Rev'd Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I**; Clearwater - **Teanacity**

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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