

Rector's Message



A warm word of welcome to parishioners and visitors with us this weekend as we pause to give thanks and to remember all our departed loved ones and to light a candle of hope.

This Sunday, so close to Remembrance Day, we also remember those Canadians in arms who fought for our freedom and liberty and who lost their lives in various conflicts. We pray that we may be found worthy in our own day to fight for freedom, justice

and peace for all.

How much do Christians dare to live in the hands of God? Shouldn't that be our trademark as Christians, together with love for one another? We are supposed to love God so much that we trust him completely, absolutely, without conditions, without fear or hesitation.

St. Paul assures us that not even death can extinguish the light of Christ in us. Death will always remain a mystery and a pain. Yet as Christians we live in faith and hope and face death without fear. In faith, we see it as a homecoming in the house of the Father. In our faith there is no place for the doubt that in death God will abandon his people, the work of his hands, his image and likeness, for whom Christ died and rose from the dead. God will not let us perish for ever. In Christ we have God's promise that we will rise from the dead for glory and eternal joy. In this hope we commend today all the dead into the hands of the living God. Have a wonderful week.

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<p>LAY MINISTERS TODAY Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Sheila Morris, Penny Pratt Lectors: 8:30 am Ed & Sandra Jordan 10:30am Robert MacMillan, Fred Oliver; Server: Brooklyn Green Sidespersons: Reg & Sandy MacDonald</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer 10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Susan MacMillan, Graham Pratt Lectors: 8:30 am Shirley Woods, Mabel Hardiman 10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Ann Perry; Server: Eric Pottie Sidespersons: Roger & Margaret Mason</p>

The Holy Eucharist

Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen, copies in seat pocket

Prelude: St. Anne Fugue - J.S. Bach

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand and join in singing the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #528 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Laying of the Wreath - Mr. Fred Oliver

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.**

Almighty God,

All **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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

God of the living, we believe that you are a God of a love that is stronger than death since your Son Jesus Christ, born as one of us, destroyed death for ever. Let all the faithful departed live in the security of your love. Let them enjoy your everlasting peace, and give to us the courage to face life and to live it in close union with your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.
RUTH 3:1-5, 4:13-17

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

PSALM REFRAIN - Happy are they who fear the Lord.

Unless the Lord builds the house, their labour is in vain who build it. Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil. **R**

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep. **R**

Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate. **R** PSALM 127

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. HEBREWS 9:24-28

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

Gradual: 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father Lead Us

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**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." MARK 12:38-44

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Service of Remembrance - found in Insert

Reflection:

Our souls live in hope and we believe that one day we will shine like sparks that run in the stubble and that it is the just who will one day govern and rule. And more importantly, if we trust in God we will penetrate the truth and live with God in love because of God's mercy. We have been baptized into the dying and rising of Jesus and our resurrections have begun. Our lives are a practice for the fullness of glory with God. This is the foundation of our religion and all our lives' practice and prayer. We will all die, but we stake our lives on the hope that the Son of Man will come in glory to judge each person and all the nations and that there will be life everlasting. And today we pray for all those who have gone before us in faith. And we pray that they who know more than we do now of God's presence will remember us before God, too.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

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, we entrust into your hands our life and our death. Give us your life-giving bread and the wine of loyalty to your covenant, that by their power we may overcome death and live for life, and may we join those who have gone before us in faith, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our risen Lord forever. **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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose
victorious rising from the dead has given to us the hope of resurrection
and the promise of eternal life. Therefore 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on
the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the
blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said,

“Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks,
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.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim
his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as
Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new
people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at
this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the words of Jesus to the God of life and hope who is our Father in heaven:

**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:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.

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.**

Communion Hymn #522 Rock of Ages, Cleft for me

Choir Anthem The Prayer of St. Francis - Sanders

Prayer After Communion

God our Father, you know and love us beyond death. We thank you for calling all of us to live forever in your friendship. We thank you for the unending happiness of the saints who live in your joy. We thank you for your undying, everlasting love for us and for all our beloved dead. Accept our thanks through your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord for 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.

Blessing & Dismissal

We have remembered today those who have died, known or unknown, close or distant. It was an occasion for us to deepen our faith in the resurrection promised to the deceased and to ourselves. We believe in a living God who wants all to live in his love and joy. May our God of life bless you all, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #573 O Day of Peace

Postlude: Fantasia in G minor – J.S. Bach



NOTICES

Christmas Shoe Box Campaign



This year the Mission to Seafarers is looking for Men's Items Only. Due to last year's quotas they do not require any Women's Items this year.

Each year during the holiday season the Mission to Seafarers distributes gift boxes of much needed items to seafarers who arrive at the Port of Halifax. The Mission depends on the support of Churches and the Community. Here is a list to guide you: Hat, Scarf, Mitts/Gloves, Socks, Personal Care Items, such as Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Tooth Brush/Paste, Hard Candy (no chocolate or cookies) a small memento (optional), Greeting Card (optional) Note Paper, Envelopes, Pen, Post Cards. For the safety and security of the Mission to Seafarers and to protect prospective seafarers all Alcohol and Sharp Knives (Jack Knives, etc.) are prohibited by law. Please do not wrap the Shoe Boxes. The Christmas Wrap for the box can be folded and placed inside the box, if you wish. Once they are received by the Mission, each shoe box is then inspected and wrapped according to the Canadian Customs Procedures and Regulations.

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.

Music and Meditation ~ Wednesdays at noon throughout Advent - December 2, 9, 16 and 23. The Musical Meditations are free of charge and open to all. They are part of our outreach musical ministry and all are welcome to attend.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

On **December 6th** parishioners are asked to bring to the church Christmas Gifts in a gift bag with a note indicating if it is for a boy, girl, adult male or adult female. Gifts must be in no later than December 8th so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

LUNENBURG INTER-CHURCH FOOD BANK

The trawl tubs at the entrance of the church are our Food Bank containers. Please remember the poor and needy when you come to church by bringing a food bank item. Be generous and bring your donations of food or money (Income Tax Receipt issued for monetary donations.)

Food Bank donations may be placed in the church any time.

GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Clean up of the grounds on the church properties will take place Saturday, November 14th at 9 am. Please come out and help. Rain date is Friday, November 20.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTERS

Articles for our next Newsletter should be sent to Brian Kenefick by November 12. His email address is cynffig@eastlink.ca

Church Calendars for 2009 are now available for sale at \$4.00 each. Please contact Hazel Oliver at 634-3236.

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.

There will be an **Advent Ultreya** on Tues., November 17th at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Bridgewater in the church. The role of the Ultreya is to link Christians together. We can find support through the sharing of one another's experience of living with Jesus Christ. There will be prayer, singing and fellowship. Anyone interested in the Cursillo movement is encouraged and invited to attend.

Harbour View Haven Christmas Tea & Sale will be held Wednesday, November 18th 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

The 1st **Lunenburg Pathfinders** have been chosen to represent Nova Scotia at the 100th Anniversary Celebration Launch Party at Casa Loma in Toronto. They will be leaving January 14, 2010, returning on January 17th and need to fundraise almost \$4500 in the next 3 months.

The Pathfinders are hosting a **Fish Chowder Luncheon** at Central United Church Hall, Lunenburg at 11:30 am November 11th. The luncheon includes fish chowder, rolls, dessert & beverages for the low price of \$8.00. Please support our girls as they fundraise for their trip. Further information - please contact Tara Green at 640-2145.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Most Rev'd Emmanuel E Nglass -Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Ministry of Armed Forces Chaplains.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church and Father Joseph Christensen.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Freedom 99; Joides Resolution;** Clearwater - **Atlantic Guardian.**

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