



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.*

Epiphany

Welcome parishioners and friends as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The celebration of Epiphany, meaning "manifestation," is like a second Christmas. It is, in fact, the Christmas of the Eastern Churches. It proclaims that the child Jesus belongs to and is given to the whole world as its Saviour. With the magi, the world brings to him its variety of gifts: its culture, its many facets, its different identities. We in Lunenburg, like people from other nations, bring him our own gifts – the gift of ourselves: our faith, our fidelity, our love, as we meet him in prayer and in people, especially in the poorest.

In today's feast, it is the 'Wise Men' from the east who discover Jesus by following a star. At journey's end, they find a scene of poverty and simplicity. Far from being disappointed or discouraged, however, they are overjoyed. The uncertainties and problems of the journey are forgotten as they gaze in awe at the child before them.

Deep within ourselves, we too feel the pull of that star. Like the journey of the Magi, more often than not for us, the road that lies ahead is unclear; we may be distracted by detours and difficulties or the deceitful voices of the 'Herods' in our midst. Matthew's seekers, traveling together in search of truth are models for our own journey of faith.

As we move into the new year of 2010, may we pray for guidance for ourselves, families, community and world. In particular, we pray that as a parish family we may grow together in the light of Christ and allow Christ's light to shine out to others in all we say and do. Have a great week and start to the new year. *Father Michael+*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Penny Pratt, Graham Pratt
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra & Ed Jordan
10:30 am Joyce Buckmaster, Graham Pratt; **Server:** Brooklyn Green
Sidespersons: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Penny Pratt, Holly Mitchell, Graham Pratt
Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond & Shirley Woods
10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Rose Conrad; **Server:** Alex Knickle, Sam Mack
Sidespersons: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

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

Prelude: How Beautiful the Morning Star – Buxtehude

St. John's Ringers 'Repeat the Sounding Joy'

Announcements

Processional Hymn # 154 Joy to the World

The Gathering of the Community

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 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.**

Kyrie Eleison # 678 CP

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis # 679 CP

**Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
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, Jesu 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.*

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PSALM REFRAIN



Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. **R**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R** PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. EPHESIANS 3:1-12
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #160 "As With Gladness Men of Old" (Vs 1 & 2 before Gospel; Vs 3 & 4 after Gospel)

Gospel

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.** MATTHEW 2:1-12

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, shine on us today.

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.'

1 Tim 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.

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 #159 Brightest and Best

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

The Prayer over the Gifts *Read by celebrant*

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

And with thy Spirit.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested forth his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

All # 683 CP

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

Glorious 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:*

Let us pray to the God and Father of all nations, as we say:

**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:

**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

**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 the communion in both kinds. 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.**

**The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to Holy Communion,
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 Hymn #151 All Poor Folk and Humble

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant.*

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and 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

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn #158 Earth Has Many a Noble City

Postlude: How Beautiful the Morning Star – Pachelbel

NOTICES

PRAYER AND HEALING MINISTRY

St John's has a group of volunteers to pray daily for people who have requested it. The following lists the names of those who are part of this "Prayer Chain Ministry". You can make your request by contacting any of them - The Rev'd Michael and Holly Mitchell, Barbara Eisenhauer, Penny and Graham Pratt, Betty Creaser, Sheila Morris, Don and Jean Hardy, Helen Chandler, Velvet Eliuk, Christina Pottie, Laura Roblee, Rosalie Knickle, Robert MacMillan, Louis Quennelle, Elizabeth Corbin and Sandy MacDonald. Once you make a prayer request, the message will be forwarded to Sandy MacDonald, Chairperson of the Prayer Team. She will inform all members and keep records up to date. (They like to hear when God has answered prayers.) Also, if you would like to be a member of the Prayer Team, please call Sandy Mac Donald at 634-4657.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REPORTS

St. John's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 14. We are asking that all **Committee Reports** be prepared and sent electronically to the office. It would be a huge help and truly appreciated if you would adopt this change.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Mahone Bay joins forces with St. John's Anglican in Lunenburg for an afternoon of choral and handbell music. This event takes place here at St. John's on **Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 pm** – free will offering. Our choirs are looking forward to an opportunity to share music making with Jane Kristenson and the members of her choirs. Do mark this event in your calendar. We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you.

The **Maritime Concert Opera** presents its 2nd Annual Community Sing-Along **TODAY** 2:30 pm - 4 p.m. at St John's Anglican Parish Hall. Come and sing your old favourites and enjoy special guest performers Nina Scott-Stoddart and Marion Sawatzki. Accompaniment by Jim Aulenbach and Gus Webb. Light refreshments. Admission by free will offering.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia, The Most Rev'd Phillip John Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate.
Diocesan Cycle: As we come to the 1st Sunday of a New Year, we say special prayers for the Bishops and their families of our Dioceses.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev'd Kenneth Wild.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap;** Clearwater - **Tenacity.**

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