

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.*

Rector's Message



Dear parishioners and friends, throughout our diocese this weekend, the church celebrates 'Ministry Sunday'. It offers all of us to reflect upon the call given in baptism to follow the Lord and to use our gifts as members of St. John's for doing God's work in the world. We also pray that the Lord will continue to call men and women into ordained ministry and we remember all those who are following this call.

We welcome Helen Chandler as our preacher today. Helen is a parishioner of St. John's who is discerning a call to ordained ministry. The parish has recently written a Letter to the Bishop commending her for moving forward along the journey. We continue to offer Helen our prayer and support.

The parish over the next several months will also be considering whether we might wish to raise up local priests, who are non stipendiary, and who offer ministry in a local parish. In the future we will have the Director of the Non Stipendiary Ministry Program come and speak with us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus risks speaking the truth in his home town and as a result, faces rejection. The Lord continues to raise up for Prophets Like Himself. We know we are willing to listen to people as long as they tell us what pleases us, what conforms to our own ways of thinking. But when they remind us of things, even good things, that make demands on us or upset our patterns of thinking and doing things, we close our ears and hearts. Yet it is good that Jesus reminds us of things that shake up our conscience when we neglect to do them: like forgiving, caring for the poor, standing up for what is right and just. Let us listen today to the Lord and to all that speak in his name. God bless you and have a great week.

Fr. Michael

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server:** Eric Pottie, Sam Mack

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Roger Demone, Charlene Demone

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Catherine Hanhams, Laura Risser

Lectors: 8:30 am Jo Eisenhauer, Gill Osmond

10:30 am Sandra MacDonald, Heather Hyson



NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server:** Alex Knickle

10:30 am Sheila Morris, Sharon Green, Roger Demone

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Catherine Hanhams, Laura Risser

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed & Sandra Jordan; **10:30 am** Lillian Keeping, Alex Knickle

Heritage  Faith  Vision

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

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Nicea - Marsh

Announcements and Welcome

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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.**

Celebrant 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. Amen.

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray that we may listen to God's word and put it into practice

The community prays silently. The celebrant then says the collect.

God, our Father, you speak to us today the demanding words of the gospel of Jesus your Son. Let these words awaken us and challenge us to a deeper relationship with you. Make us see the signs and needs of our times and help us to speak without fear the message of truth and justice and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." **JEREMIAH 1:4-10**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN

From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **R**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you. **R**

PSALM 71:1-6

Hymn #331 God, We Praise You - (Choir only on verse 1; congregation please join on verses 2, 3 and 4)

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful

or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

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

Gradual Hymn #326 Bright the Vision That Delighted

Gospel

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

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

Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. *LUKE 4:21-30*

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

Sermon

The Apostles Creed *Let us confess the faith of our baptism.*

**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, 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.*

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 #373 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Parishioners share in gathering the offering of God's people. 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.*

Lord our God, in these signs of bread and wine we place our willingness to speak the stirring words of your Son to a hungry and thirsty world. Give us the vision of your Son, and break for us his bread of strength, that we may accept and share the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Sung Setting "The Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen, copies in seat pockets.

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.

Preface for Sunday

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.**

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. *(Sung)*

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

So 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; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. *People Amen. (Sung)*

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these or similar words:

Let us pray in the words of Jesus to the Father of all to give us today the daily bread of his word.

**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:

"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 says,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**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 then receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

The communicant responds each time, **Amen.**

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.

During Communion, hymns may be sung and silence may be kept.

Communion Hymn #48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Children's Message

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. Standing, the community prays in silence.

Lord our God, you have spoken to us today the powerful word of Jesus your Son. In him you have shown us what we and the world could be if we took the risk of living like him. Give us his spirit and courage and do not allow us to be resigned to evil in the world and in ourselves. Raise up prophets today to remind us to follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has formed you and called you to live with him and to serve one another. May God's grace sustain you always so that you can share your light with others. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #399 Now Thank We All Our God

Postlude: Prelude and Fughetta - Willan

NOTICES

Symphony on the Shore ~ Friday, February 5 at 7:30 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Janina's Chopin to Beethoven's Eighth, Janina Fialkowska, piano; Bernhard Gueller, conductor. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth with Symphony Nova Scotia. Pianist Janina Fialkowska, a "born Chopin interpreter" (Arthur Rubenstein), joins the orchestra to perform the composer's bold and imaginative Piano Concerto no. 2. The orchestra also performs Beethoven's boisterous "little Symphony in F" and 'Mirages' by Jacques Hetu. Tickets: \$25 (students \$10 at the door), available at Fulton's Pharmacy, through Ruth at the office in the church hall (634-9994) and at the door.

'BOWTIES' Sunday ~ February 14th at 3 pm

With virtuosity, insight, imagination and humour, Duo Concertante (Nancy Dahn, violin; Timothy Steeves, piano) and Gordon Stobbe, fiddle and Gregg Simm, guitar, present a thrilling musical experience spanning Bach to Benoit. Tickets: \$20, available at Fulton's Pharmacy and at the door. Information 634-9994.

REGIONAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

These classes will be held at St. James, Mahone Bay on Friday evening, February 12th and Saturday, February 13th. Anyone desiring to be married should call the St. John's Parish Office for more information and to reserve their space.

LENTEN/EASTER NEWSLETTER

The deadline for articles to be placed in our next Newsletter is February 4. Please email Brian & Janice Kenefick at cynffig@eastlink.ca or call 764-2145 if you have news to be placed in our Newsletter.

PASTORAL VISITATION VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please contact Charlene Demone at 543-5753 if you are interested in becoming a member of the Pastoral Visitation Ministry.

300TH ANNIVERSARY EUCHARIST MEMORIALS

Anglicans throughout the Diocese of NS and PEI are able to offer a memorial gift to the Glory of God and in loving memory of a beloved person at the 300th Anniversary Eucharist on June 6, 2010 at 3 pm at Exhibition Park just outside Halifax. Memorial forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete the form, make your **cheque payable to the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with Eucharist Memorial written on the Memo Line.** The completed form may be dropped off at St. John's Parish office or mailed to Faye Morrison, 1571 LeMarchant Street, Halifax, NS B3H 3R2 **no later than March 31, 2010.**

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

It was no fun being a Warden in the 19th. Century. John Creighton, a Warden was buried on June 6, 1826. He was the Lt. Col. of the Militia and Judge of the Inferior Court. He had been a Church Warden in 1811. In those days a committee of the Vestry assessed each family a Levy to support the Church. It was recorded that this warden was not a good collector and was 37 Pounds and 11 Shillings in arrears.. As a result the Vestry proposed in suing for the sum, even after the gentleman died.

I regret that there has not been an historical note in recent months. My health has not been good, however, it has improved and this item will again appear.
Submitted by George Munroe, Heritage Chairperson

Special Presentation on trip to Tanzania

On Friday, February 19th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall, Henry and Rena Demone will share with us their trip to Tanzania. Highlights include their climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the Tanzanian countryside, people and culture, and of particular interest, the time they spent with Bishop Simon of the Anglican Church in Tanzania. The Demone's had the opportunity to experience first hand some of the missionary and humanitarian work being undertaken by the church there. It will be a fun night, with refreshments and dessert. This is sponsored by the Spiritual Development Committee and all are welcome.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, Holy Trinity, Georgetown, PEI, Rev'd Canon Peter Harris, Rev'd David Harris, Asst Priest, and Valerie, Rev'd Canon Walter Harris, Hon. Asst, Rev'd Canon Robert Tuck, Hon. Asst, & Catherine; St. Mary & St. John, Rev'd Karen Quirk and Alexander, Rev'd Ned Henthorn, Asst Priest & Arlene.
Fisheries: *Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap; Clearwater - Atlantic Leader; Tall Ship - Picton Castle; Joides Resolution.*

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday. Here are our phone numbers.

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