



Welcome to our Liturgy. Jesus invited the people of Jerusalem to respond to his message. He uses a beautiful and powerful image to communicate his loving care, that of a mother hen, longing to gather her chicks (the people of Jerusalem) close to her for protection from the fox (Herod and the tyranny of Rome). If only they would listen and respond? Unfortunately, history shows a hardhearted people, many of whom who will not listen. Jesus give his life on the cross in sacrificial love. Will people listen in our day and age?

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 pray and to all who do not, but ought,
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.

Here are some suggestions for **LENT**

Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. Here are a few reflections:

- F**ast from judging others; *feast on the Christ dwelling in them.*
 - F**ast from emphasis on differences; *feast on the unity of all life.*
 - F**ast from words that pollute; *feast on phrases that purify.*
 - F**ast from discontent; *feast on gratitude.*
 - F**ast from worry; *feast on God's divine order.*
 - F**ast from complaining; *feast on appreciation.*
 - F**ast from anger; *feast on patience.*
 - F**ast from pessimism; *feast on optimism.*
 - F**ast from hostility; *feast on non-resistance*
 - F**ast from personal anxiety; *feast on eternal truth.*
- Have a great week.

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Roger Demone, Penny Pratt, Graham Pratt
Lectors: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer, Laura Roblee **10:30 am** Sunday School
Sidespersons: 10:30 am HeatherHyson, Oran Hyson; **Server:** Alex Knickle

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 7TH
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Charlene Demone, Sheila Morris, Holly Mitchell
Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan
10:30 am Sheila Morris, Ann Perry; **Server:** Brooklyn Green
Sidespersons: 10:30 am HeatherHyson, Oran Hyson

The Holy Eucharist - Family Service

Prelude: Short Piano Pieces by Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #465 "Here In This Place New Light"

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.**

Invitation to Prayer

Youth: Our way through Lent has brought us to this day.

People: **We are on a journey seeking God's way.**

Youth: We know God's protection and care in life.

People: **We know that God has a path for us to follow.**

Youth: We gather to renew our friendship with God and with one another.

People: **Loving God, we thank you for Jesus, who was raised up to save the world from sin and death. In our worship today at this family service, may we feel your strength and power to love and serve others. Through Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and

the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

God brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." *GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18*

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

Psalm 27 Refrain:



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? **R.**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. **R.**

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **R.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. **R.**

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R.**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord,

will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. **R**

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **R**

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

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

Processional #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” verses 1,2,3

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



LUKE At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her

brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" LUKE 13:31-35
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” verses 4, 5, 6c

Reflection and Children’s Talk - ‘Five Little Ducks’

The Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we sing,*

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, have mercy.**

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. **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 #414 “God of the Sparrow”

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.*

Jesus, you love us as a mother hen loves her chicks. Receive all we offer this day, and bring us to the safety of your protective wings, through Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #2

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 Lent

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in
every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy. **Holy, holy, holy.**
Lord, God of power and might. Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven, heaven and earth, Heaven, heaven and earth.
Are full of your glory. **Are full of your glory.**

Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**, Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**,
Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**, Sing Alleluia, **Sing Alleluia**.

Blessed is he, **Blessed is he.**

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**, Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**,
Sing Hosanna, **Sing Hosanna**, Sing Alleluia, **Sing Alleluia**.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

“*This is my blood which is shed for you.*”

When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this
bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant,
Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father in the words of Jesus, his Son.

**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:

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ’s body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God - Sung # 745 CP

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us 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 #60 "I Come This Day, a Child of God"

Prayer after Communion

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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant 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

In this Eucharist God has refreshed us. Now we are strong enough again to go our difficult way in the desert, a way of renewal and conversion to God and to others. And 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 #506 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in F major BWV 556

NOTICES

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE? - Lent 2010

Beginning Sunday, March 7, a program of study and discussion about GRACE will be held in the Interpretive Centre. Sessions will include DVD presentations, Scripture passages and time for reflection and discussion. These Lenten sessions will be held after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Services on March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Muffins and beverages will be provided. Please join us as we journey together once again to God's greatest manifestation of Grace: EASTER!

For Your Information

We neglected to mention at the Annual Meeting last Sunday that the Financial Statements were audited by Angie Payne. Everything was found to be in good standing.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, Zion Lutheran Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 5th at 2 PM. Your support is greatly appreciated.

INSTALLATION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Installation of our Parish Council members will be held on Sunday, March 14 at our 10:30 am service. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18.

Daily Prayer Booklets are available at the back of the church. A donation of \$2.00 will cover the cost of these books.

ANOTHER SLEIGH RIDE

Weather permitting, Foard and Cathy Robar will be hosting a Youth and Family Sleigh Ride on **TODAY at 2 PM**. Please contact Melissa Risser at 634-3304 or email b_mrisser@eastlink.ca or Jennifer Green-Heisler at 640-2088 or email jenn79@eastlink.ca to reserve your space.

A **Youth Night** with Pizza, Games and Fun will be held Friday, **March 5th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All youth and friends welcome.

An **Ecumenical Lenten Service** will be held **tonight at St. John's, 7 pm**. Special music "Jazz Vespers". Guest preacher will be Pastor Vivian Roberts.

We welcome the members of the **Parish of St. John's in the Wilderness, New Germany**, their Priest in-charge, Rev. Oliver Osmond and their Associate Priest, Rev. Catherine Robar on March 7. They are a 'daughter' of St. John's Lunenburg and want to 'come home' for a service at 10:30 am and a tour of the church afterward.

Music and Meditation for Lent – Wednesdays at Noon

March 3 at noon – John Barr, *tenor*; **March 10** – Sharon Gow-Knickle, *piano*; **March 17** – Rachel Kristenson, *violin*; Heather Kristenson, *piano*; **March 24** – St. John's Mahone Bay Senior Choir, directed by Jane Kristenson in a performance of "Tennebrae", a Passion Cantata; **March 31** – St. John's Anglican Church Chancel Choir: Barbara Butler, *piano/organ*

The **Chapel Choir of the University of King's College**, under the direction of five-time Grammy winner **Paul Halley**, will present **J S Bach's** magnificent **St John Passion on Friday, March 19th at St John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg**, and on **Sunday, March 21st at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax**. These performances will feature a line-up of stellar soloists, including Suzie LeBlanc, Sarah Myatt, Andrew Pickett, David Menzies, Martin Auclair and Bruce Fifer, as well as the chamber orchestra *Ensemble Regale*, led by David Greenberg.

"The St John Passion is possibly Bach's most intense and dramatic work. He was clearly deeply moved by the texts, not only of the Gospel narration, but of the arias, chorales and choruses that comment on the unfolding events of the Passion. The profound effect of these words on the composer resulted in music of enormous power and poignancy," explains Paul Halley. The performance will be sung in German in order to retain the immediacy and dramatic impact of the text.

The concerts are produced by Musique Royale. Tickets for the Lunenburg performance are \$25 (students \$10 at the door) and are available at Fulton's Pharmacy or by calling 634-9994.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of England, The Most Rev'd Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Neil's Harbour, Rev'd Warren Huestis and Victoria; St. Alban's, Sydney, Rev'd Brenda Drake; St. John The Baptist, North Sydney, Rev'd Gloria McClure-Fraser, Rev'd Carl Fraser, Associate Priest. Pray for the preparations being made for '**Celebration 2010**' in the Regions and the Diocese.
Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as we keep them close to our hearts due to the loss of their minister, The Rev'd Kenneth Wild.
Fisheries: **Adams & Knickle** - Freedom 99; **Ocean Choice** - Destiny; **Clearwater** - Atlantic Protector; Joides Resolution.

Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday.

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