



**Rector's Message**

*“Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”*

St. John's extends a warm welcome to Rev. Captain Reg MacDonald who is celebrating the 8:30 am Service this morning and to Rev. Linda Macdonald who is celebrating the 10:30 am Service.

Why do we gather every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist of the Lord? For the same reason that the first Christians changed their day of worship from the Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday. For Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, the first day of the week. It became “the Lord's Day,” the day on which they began to celebrate that Christ is risen and alive in the community of his faithful, as he is present among us now. He is real and alive among us, he is our companion on the road of life and we recognize him in the community of the Church. May the Lord Jesus give us faith to sense his presence.

Many of us can admit to feeling a certain sense of kinship with Thomas in today's gospel. After all, the events of the past days must have been incredibly vivid in his mind – Jesus' arrest, torture and crucifixion, the disciples own fear that they would suffer the same fate. In the midst of such stress, it is little wonder that Thomas could not believe that the crucified Jesus had actually risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples.

At our baptism, we begin a lifelong journey towards God. Today's gospel reminds us of the inevitability of difficulties, doubts and darkness of that journey. We thank God for those moments when the light of faith shines brightly, but we need not despair when the light seems to go out.

Doubt and disbelief – like what Thomas experienced after the resurrection and like we experience 2,000 years later – are an inevitable part of the human faith journey. We are invited to put our faith in the risen Lord and to profess the same belief as Thomas: “My Lord and my God.”

*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** Sam Mack  
**10:30 am** Sheila Morris, Sharon Green, Charlene Demone  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Gill Osmond, Mabel Hardiman  
**10:30am** Joyce Buckmaster, Rose Conrad  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Mary King, Mary Brownless

**NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 18TH**  
**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server: 10:30 am** Alex Knickle  
**10:30 am** Holly Mitchell, Penny Pratt, Graham Pratt  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Sandra Jordan, Ed Jordan  
**10:30 am** Sharon Green, Rosemary Smith  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Mary King, Mary Brownless

# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude: Music from the Sewanee Service**

## Announcements

**St. John's Ringers:** Thine is the Glory: arr Cynthia Dobrinski

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Processional Hymn #210** Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son

## The Gathering of the Community

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* May his grace and peace be with you.

*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

All Almighty God,  
**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. *The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive 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 ACTS

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." **ACTS 5:27-32**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118 - REFRAIN

**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **R**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. **R**

"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

## A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. **REVELATION 1:4-8**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Procession Acclamation #715** Alleluia

## Gospel

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

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

**PUT  
YOUR  
FINGER  
HERE**



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

JOHN 20:19-31

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

## Sermon

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

**Response: Risen 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 #207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*Our youth and teachers from Sunday School join the community for the Eucharist. 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.*

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ 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 Easter

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and 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.**

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 of wine, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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, 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.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer:*  
In the joy of Easter, let us pray in Christ's name:

**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:*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

**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 your peace.**

*The celebrant and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Or The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

*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, silence may be kept.*

## Communion Hymn #68

We Hold the Death of the Lord Deep in our Hearts

## Prayer after Communion

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

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **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

May God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us in the days ahead,  
that we may rise to new life in God's grace. Amen.  
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. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA!

**Recessional Hymn #239** Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

**Postlude: Christ Lag in Todesbanden – J.S. Bach**



### **In Memory of Cohen Anthony Weaver** March 9, 2010

*The prayers, love and support we have received from our St. John's family during the past very difficult month has been truly uplifting and restorative. Thank you all. Grace & Ron Swan, Kelly, Michael and Nina Weaver.*

## NOTICES

We are interested in collecting the email addresses of our parishioners. It is a great way to keep you informed of Parish happenings. We are asking that each person with an email address to please simply drop a note that says, "My email address." Send this message to [stjohnslunenburg@eastlink.ca](mailto:stjohnslunenburg@eastlink.ca)

### **Please note:**

- ▶ Parish Council Meeting - Thursday, April 15
- ▶ The deadline for submitting stories, etc. for the next Newsletter is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please send your articles to Brian Kenefick [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca)
- ▶ St. John's is in need of a **Parish Treasurer**. If you or someone you know has Bookkeeping/Accounting background, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Wardens.

*Please note the following special presentation at St. John's*

**Donald Corbett, former Vice-President of the world famous Casavant Freres** of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, will give a talk at St. John's on 'The organ – an historical perspective' on **Wednesday, April 14 at 2 pm**. This is a 'Lifelong Learning Seminar', a project of the Mahone Bay Centre. Participants will receive a 15-page article by Mr. Corbett on the history and workings of organs, with diagrams and pictures. Admission is \$5. For further information please speak to Barbara or call Ted Hobson at 624-0914.

**Musique Royale** presents three concerts in May at St. John's Anglican Church, presented in association with Music Nova Scotia's *Bringin It Home*. The first in this May series features pianist **Peter Allen on Friday, May 7 at 7:30 pm**; the **Chris Norman/David Greenberg Duo on Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 pm**; and the **Ernst Family Singers on Friday, May 28 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets: \$20

Musique Royale presents **Keramion Trio on Friday, June 11 at 7:30 pm** at St. John's Anglican; **Paul Halley**, organ and piano; **Nick Halley**, percussion; and **Jon Suter**, guitar. Tickets: \$20

## YOUTH NIGHT

Pencil in your calendars our next **Youth Night** which will be held Saturday, April 17th at the Parish Hall. The Sunday School is having a sleepover that night, but our Youth Group is going to be in the big room where we are planning to set up a screen and get some Wii's. We'll have food and some board games. Any other ideas you have to make it a fun night just contact Melissa Risser. We can also have the option to spend the night (let Melissa know if anyone is interested in doing that), and there is a breakfast the next morning at the Parish Hall before the family service.

## ACW FLEA MARKET

The ACW are holding a Flea Market on April 17. If you would like to rent a table for \$10.00, please call Patty Tanner 543-3474. Tables will be available to parishioners 1st before advertising to the general public. There will be a canteen, lobster rolls, chowder, chicken burgers, pie, tea and coffee for sale. Take out will be available. If you have good quality items you would like to donate for the Flea Market, contact Patty Tanner. No clothing.

A special word of thanks goes to St. John's Food Bank representatives:

**Bruce Holdbrook, Audrey Morgan, Alex Green,  
Barbara Eisenhauer, Barbara Simonds**

## TODAY - Riverport Choir & Spring Concert

Bridgewater Fire Department Band at Central United Church Sanctuary - 3 p.m. Tickets available at the church office or Fulton's - \$12.

**CAN YOU OFFER A RIDE TO CHURCH?**

Lucille Mosher, a long time parishioner of our parish, is looking for someone to take her to the 10:30 am Sunday services. She resides in the new apartment building close to Fishermen's Memorial Hospital. Please call her daughter Joanne for further information 634-4128.

**STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH**

*These historical stories are submitted weekly by our Heritage Chairperson, George Munroe.*

*Continuing last week's note on the work done to the church 1970-1972*

The organ and vestry rooms, are on either side of the Chancel, the former opening into it by an arch, the latter closed in by a mock arch. These rooms are also separated from the nave by handsome screens, each surmounted by a carved "fleurs de lis" with a large decorated cross in gold in the centre.

In the Chancel there are stalls capable of containing 20 or more singers. The Prayer Desk is a handsome structure of walnut and pine. The Altar Rails are light supported by four uprights with carved brackets. The Altar Table standing a foot above the floor is carved containing three open gothic arches in front, with open trefoils above, and an open arch on either side. The Frontal stands inside, showing out in bold from the stained wood, The Chancel is carpeted, with dark green carpet with black "fleur de lis". The aisles are covered with coca matting.

Two large underground furnaces heat the church through two registers at the upper end. The mention of furnaces is interesting for at a later time only stoves with ornamental pipes were used.

*Next week "The Owen Trust"*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the **Parish of Seaforth**, Rev'd Debra Burleson and Chris, Rev'd Kyle Wagner, Curate; the **Parish of Ship Harbour**, Rev'd Paul Findlay, Priest-in-Charge.  
**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.  
**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap  
 Clearwater - Atlantic Guardian

**Without GOD, our week would be:**

- Mournday,**
- Tearsday,**
- Wasteday,**
- Thirstday,**
- Fightday**
- Shatterday &**
- Sinday**

**Seven days WITHOUT GOD makes one WEAK!**

*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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**Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
 300th Anniversary Prayer - 2010**

Blessed are you Lord God, our Creator and Sustainer. We thank you for your goodness towards us through 300 years of continuous worship and witness in this place. Your steadfast love never ceases and your compassion never fails. O Lord, as we journey onward, go before us with the blessing of your goodness and remember us now, as you have in ages past. Give us minds and hearts that travel without fear into the mystery of your being. In this journey just begun, Make us fruitful in your service, sharing your love and joy and peace with all your children, in the power of your Holy Spirit. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.