



Rector's Message

*“The challenge for most mainline Christians is not following Jesus. We've been taught pretty well about that. The challenge for us is recognizing Jesus' voice.”*  
David Ewart

This past week, there has been much talk about flight cancellations and volcanic eruptions. For many living in London, the talk has been about the 'quiet' of their city without the thousands of takeoffs and landings. People have been going outdoors hearing birds and other sounds they haven't heard for years. Without the thousands of takeoffs and landings – people have been enjoying the silence.

In silence we can listen and hear. David Ewart writes that our real challenge as Christians is recognizing Jesus as he calls us. Amidst all the hustle and bustle of life, Jesus does call us as a faithful Shepherd calls their sheep. Each of us needs to carve out some quiet time for prayer and for listening to the Lord who speaks to us through our environment and the people in our lives.

It is very reassuring to know that our guide or community leader knows us personally and calls us by our name. It makes us say or think: 'They know me and I know them.' Such knowledge calls for deeper trust, loyalty and love. On this Sunday of the Good Shepherd, Jesus reminds us that he knows us personally and calls us by name. At the same time, the fact that we know Jesus too, changes our whole life. For in knowing Jesus, we know God. We experience in Jesus, God's goodness and care, and close presence.

As Jesus is shepherd to us, so too, as disciples of the Lord, we are called to be shepherds and disciples of one another by our words and example. Have you ever thought about inviting a friend to come to church with you? Have a wonderful week.  
*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** Penny Pratt; **Server: 10:30 am** Brooklyn Green  
**10:30 am** Roger Demone, Sheila Morris, Susan MacMillan  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Gill Osmond, Shirley Woods  
**10:30am** Lillian Keeping, Ann Grandy  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Denyse and Michael Lee

**NEXT SUNDAY MAY 2ND**

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server: 10:30 am** Eric Pottie  
**10:30 am** Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Sharon Green  
**Lectors: 8:30 am** Ben and Roxie Smith  
**10:30 am** Bruce Holdbrook, Heather Hyson  
**Sidespersons: 10:30 am** Denyse and Michael Lee

# The Holy Eucharist

*Throughout the Easter Season, our Service Music is from the 'Sewanee' Setting, which will be used at our Diocesan 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations throughout the year.*

**Prelude: Meditation on Brother James' Air - Jacob**

## Announcements

*Please stand for Processional Hymn*

**Processional Hymn #217** Christ the Lord is Risen Again

## The Gathering of the Community

All Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
All **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.  
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!

## The Collect of the Day

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

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "*Please come to us without delay.*" So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "*Tabitha, get up.*" Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. **ACTS 9:36-43**  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23 - REFRAIN

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

### A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "*Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!*" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.*" Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "*Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?*" I said to

him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." REVELATION 7:9-17  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem "**Worthy Is the Lamb**"

**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**

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



At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." JOHN 10:22-30

### 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.*

Most merciful God,  
All **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 #630** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd  
(Tune: Westminster Abbey)

*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 loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **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.**  
**Live in us that we might live in you.**

*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 Anthem: Brother James' Air - Jacob**

### Prayer after Communion

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

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of 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 Jesus the Good Shepherd, who calls us by name strengthen us in the days ahead, that we may rise to new life in God's grace. **Amen.**  
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 #211 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

**Postlude: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing – Willan**

### NOTICES

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

#### Please note:

- ▶ 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.

### WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?

Our Lenten series continues into the Easter season as we examine the constant presence of God's Grace in our lives. Please join us On May 02, 16, & 30 in the Interpretive Centre after both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. This week's topic is, 'Grace Put to the Test: Finding Grace in the Face of Disagreement'.

### Concerts presented by Musique Royale at St. John's:

- Mostly Rachmaninoff with pianist Peter Allen on Friday, May 7 at 7:30pm
- Chris Norman/David Greenberg Duo on Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 pm
- Ernst Family Singers on Friday, May 28 at 7:30 pm
- Keramion Trio (Paul Halley, organ and piano; Nick Halley, percussion; and Jon Suter, guitar) on Friday, June 11 at 7:30 pm.

### Breakfast concerts presented by St. Cecilia Concert Series at Cecilia's Retreat, 1199 Oakland Rd in Mahone Bay:

- Guitarist Daniel Bolshoy on Saturday, May 22 at 11 am.
  - Soprano Allison Bent Angelo on Saturday, May 29 at 11 am
- Information: [barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca) or call 634-9994

There will be no Historical Story in this week's bulletin due to illness. George plans to resume in next week's bulletin. Let's keep George in our prayers.

**The South Shore Chorale**, conducted by John Scott, is joining with Kings Chorale, conducted by William Perrot, to present two joint concerts this weekend. "Triumph of the Spirit" will be presented at Bridgewater United Church at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, and at Horton Performance Centre in Wolfville at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25. Admission is \$10 with tickets available from choir members, at the door, at Fulton's Pharmacy, Lunenburg and at Sagors Bookstore, Bridgewater.

A **Gospel Concert and Sing-a-Long** will be held **TODAY**, 7 PM at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rose Bay featuring South Shore Ukulele Players and Lauren Croft. Freewill offering. Refreshments to follow.

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Parish of Christ Church, Dartmouth, Rev. Stephen Laskey and Jos; St. Andrew's, Cole Harbour,

Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere and Brian, Rev. Walter Beazley, Assistant Priest, and Brenda, Rev. Gary Giles, Transitional Deacon, and Dawn-Marie; Eastern Passage, Rev. John Ferguson and Carolyn Tomlin, Rev. Stephen Croft, Assistant Priest.

**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Father Michael & Holly.

**Fisheries:** Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap  
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector

☺ When her husband was near to death, his wife ordered a headstone with the words "**Rest in Peace**" carved on it. This was done, but after the man died and the will was read, his widow found that he had left the bulk of his fortune to others. So she told the stonemason to add these words to the headstone: "**Till I Come.**"



**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.**

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service**

The Diocesan Service of Celebration will be held at Exhibition Park, on Sunday, June 6th, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. just outside Halifax off the Bicentennial Highway and Highway 103 (near Bayers Lake Shopping area).

A bus will pick up parishioners at St. John's Lunenburg at approximately 11:15 A.M. The cost will be \$20.00 for the trip. A box lunch will be available (at a reasonable cost) for the return journey home. For those driving by car, there is plenty of parking at Exhibition Park. There is wheelchair access. A Nursery/Daycare service will be available.

St. John's Choir, Lay Readers, Servers and clergy are all invited to robe and take part in the service. **Please note: If you plan to attend this special service, please place your name on the sign up sheet. Let us know if you are planning to go by bus.**



*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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**ASAP**

There's work to do, deadlines to meet; You've got no time to spare,  
 But as you hurry and scurry- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare.  
 Do your best; let God do the rest- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear.  
 Slow down and take a breather- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares,  
 And He'll respond to all your needs A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

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