

St. John's Anglican Church Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

Rector's Message

Today, the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island celebrates 300 years of Anglican presence and ministry in Nova Scotia. The main celebration takes place today at 3:00 p.m., at Exhibition Park, just outside Halifax. Joining us are the Bishops of the Canadian Church, Delegates to General Synod, together with Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of Canada, the guest preacher. All are welcome for this once in a lifetime service.

It all began in 1710, when the English captured the French Fort of Port-Royal (Annapolis Royal) in October 1710. The Rev'd John Harrison was the Garrison Chaplain and one of the first things done was to celebrate a Service of Holy Communion on October 10th of 1710. Ever since that time, Anglicans have been worshipping and serving God's people throughout Nova Scotia.

Author Brian Cuthbertson writes in his history of the Anglican Church in Nova Scotia, "At the time of an Anniversary, it is important to look in two directions - backward and forward. We need to know our roots, the places from which we have come. We also need to look forward. Who is God calling us to be beyond 2010? How will the people of the Diocese minister to God's people within the Diocese? How will they serve God's world?"

Often the best way to move into the future is by being clear about what we do well and building on those strengths. Our Diocese has many strengths. They are called parishes! So today, we celebrate not only the larger Diocese, we celebrate the strength of each individual parish and church community. Have a great week.

Michael+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 9:30 am Roger & Charlene Demone, Graham Pratt

10:30am Roger Mason, Margaret Mason

Sidespersons: Catherine Hanhams & Laura Risser; **Server:** Alex Knickle

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 13TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Holly Mitchell, Sheila Morris, Charlene Demone

Lectors: 8:30 am Shirley Woods, Gil Osmond

10:30am Holly Mitchell, Alex Knickle

Sidespersons: Catherine Hanhams & Laura Risser; **Server:** Sam Mack

The Holy Eucharist

*The Service Music is the 'Sewanee Setting' by Malcolm Archer.
Chosen to celebrate our 300th Anniversary Celebrations.*

Prelude: Soliloquy - Willan

Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #317 'Praise the Lord, Sing Halleluia!'

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.

All **And also with you.**

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.
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

Let us pray. *The celebrant then sings or says the collect.*

Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Hear us now, as we give thanks to you for our Diocese as we celebrate 300 years of worship and ministry in this place, where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. I KINGS 17:8-16
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146 REFRAIN

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. **R**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **R**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; **R**

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. **R**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **R**

Choir Anthem: 'Sing Out With Splendour' - Martin

This Anthem is also being sung later today at the Special 300th Anniversary Celebrations at Exhibition Park

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "*The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.*" And they glorified God because of me. GALATIANS 1:11-24
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation #405 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

THE 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**

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. LUKE 7:11-17

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

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
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.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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.

People **And also with you.** *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #656 'She Comes Sailing on the Wind'

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.*

Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this Eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

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 The Thanksgiving of a Sacred Place

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; heaven itself cannot contain you and your glory fills all the world. You accept our setting apart of places for your worship and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people. This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom. Grant that in these mysteries we may be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world. Therefore with angels and archangels and those who worship you in every age, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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, 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.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

United with our brother and sisters in this Diocese and with people of good will everywhere, let us lift our hearts in prayer.

**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:

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
**All So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **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 then receive communion.
The sacrament is given with the following words.
The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, **Amen.**

PLEASE NOTE

During Communion, there will be a prayer station at the Prayer Chapel.
You may come for prayer, for anointing and to give thanks for prayer answered
and for events such as birthdays, anniversaries and weddings.

*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.*

Communion Anthem #513 'Guide My Feet'

Prayer After Communion

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.
**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live
his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we,
whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in
the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Prayer in Thanksgiving for the 300th Anniversary of Our Diocese
Please Refer to Back Cover.*

Blessing & Dismissal

May the Spirit of God who brings hope, joy and peace be with us today
and always. **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. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #598 'Go To the World'

Postlude: Finale in D Minor by Theiman

NOTICES

NEXT SUNDAY - JUNE 13TH

You are invited to a special Service at 10:30 a.m., as we celebrate
the 257th Anniversary of St. John's Parish and the 30TH
Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood of our Rector,
Michael Mitchell.
A Luncheon will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Upcoming Concerts

presented by Musique Royale at St. John's

- Keramion Trio (Paul Halley, organ and piano; Nick Halley, percussion; and Jon Suter, guitar) on Friday, June 11 at 7:30 pm.
- Tickets \$20, available at Fulton's Pharmacy and at the door.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONCERTS, PLEASE PICK UP AN INFORMATION CARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?

We have had a very fruitful Video Bible Study this Lent and through the Easter Season. Thank you to every who participated. We averaged about 20 people per week between the two serves. These will resume in the Fall. Please note the Movie Night, on June 18th at 7 p.m. in the parish Hall. WE are screening 'Simon Birch' which was filmed in our church. See you at the movies!

The next **Baptism** will take place Sunday, June 27. Please call the Parish office if you are interested in having a child or adult baptised.

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island History Books (1710-2010) are available at the cost of \$35.00. You may purchase your book in church or at the Parish office.

Anglican Communion: We pray for the Anglican Church of Mexico with the Most Rev'd Carlos Touche-Porter.

Diocesan Cycle: We pray for our Diocese as we celebrate 300th years. Bless our Bishops, Sue and Ron and all the laity and clergy of the diocese in each parish and congregation.

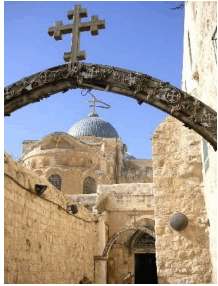
Local Ministerial: We pray for Central United Church with Pastor Grace Cains-Corkums.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap; Clearwater - Atlantic Guardian; LaHave Seafoods - Cape LaHave; Joides Resolution.

Journey Through the Holy Land

March 11- 23, 2011

with Rev. Michael and Holly Mitchell



You are invited to join Michael and Holly Mitchell as they lead an unforgettable journey to the Holy Land. We will travel with Rostad Tours, which has 35 years of experience to the Holy Land. It is a trip that Christians should experience at least once in their lifetime.

Not just a pilgrimage, this is an opportunity for you to deepen your knowledge of the Bible and revitalize your spirit. Come along and walk in the footsteps of history – in the footsteps of the Lord, as you journey through the Holy Land.

There will be time for leisure and shopping along the way, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to the famous Dead Sea with its healing spas.

Space is limited. Book early to enjoy a \$300 discount.

To learn more about this exciting trip, contact Rev. Michael or Holly Mitchell (634-8477), for a brochure and more information.

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