

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

South Shore Region
300th Anniversary Celebration
June 20, 2010

Special Guests
Pat Watson & John Bird

Barbara Butler - Director of Music & Organist
St. John's Chancel Choir
St. John's Ringers

Pre Service Gospel Music

371 To God Be the Glory

509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Refrain:

Leaning, Oh I'm leaning, safe, safe, safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, Oh I'm leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Choir anthem: Alleluia – Harris

304 All Things are Thine

Shall We Gather At the River Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God

Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

Refrain: Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me (repeat)

Gathering Hymn # 317

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

(Choir members return to chancel and clergy enter)

Night Prayer An Order for Compline

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quiet the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide,
to lead us to peace and to glory.

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.

**For those beloved of God are given gifts
even while they sleep.**

Parish of Petite Riviere

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit,

**living God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you.**

**In the very secret of our hearts
you know all that rises to trouble us.**

Living flame, burn into us.

Cleansing wind, blow through us.

Fountain of water, well up within us;

that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Hymn #352 – Amazing Grace

Solo: This Little Light of Mine

Psalm 8 Parish of LaHave- Blue Rocks

O Lord our governor, *

how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are mortals that you should be mindful of them? *

Mere human beings that you should seek them out?

You have made them but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn them with glory and honour;

You give them mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under their feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, *

how exalted is your name in all the world!

Glory to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn #513 – Guide My Feet

Scripture Reading

Parish of Lunenburg Revelation 22.1–5

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river, is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.
Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

On Holy Ground – Soloist Pat Watson

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29–32)

Preserve us, O God, waking,
and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; *
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to God,

Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Prayer - Parish of Bridgewater

Lord it is night. The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys, new possibilities.
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

St. John's Ringers

Praise Unfolding arr. Sandra Eithun

Hymn 525 – The Church's One Foundation

Parish of Chester

Keep watch, dear God,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Parish of Blandford

God, source of all our blessings, we join this night with our forebears

in giving thanks to the Spirit of Life that has stirred in our hearts and has given life, shape and meaning to our lives. Trusting in that same Spirit to lead us into a future marked by hopefulness and joy, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world, saying: **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Parish of Western Shore

For the gift of your Creation and for the special gift of Nova Scotia, this part of the globe that we call home: the majesty and beauty of its landscapes, and the richness and diversity of its peoples. May our roots go deep and draw upon all that is life giving, life affirming and life enhancing as we grow into a future full of new challenges and new possibilities, we pray: **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Parish of Yarmouth

For the gift of 300 years of Anglican witness in what now we name the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. For all of the history of this diocese with its many parishes and congregations, for the people, times, places and events that have brought us to this defining moment in our life, we pray: **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Parish of Lockeport-Barrington

May our spirits lift with thankfulness and praise to the God of History who has loved and sustained us in the past and who will lead us into an abundant future if we have open hearts, a readiness for renewal and a passion for love and service, we pray. **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Parish of Shelburne

For the gift of the worldwide Anglican Communion, remembering especially the Anglican Church of Canada, with Fred our Primate. We pray for the Region of the South Shore with its many parishes, laity and clergy. May your blessing be upon all of our ministry and service, we pray: **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Parish of South Queens

For the gift of peace and goodwill among the nations and the well being of all people. We give thanks for the Canadian Navy as it celebrates a century of service to this country; and we give thanks for the bravery and courage shown by our troops wherever they are serving

overseas and especially in Afghanistan, we pray:

Spirit of Life, be alive in us.

Parish of Mahone Bay

For the gift of health, hope and wholeness remembering especially those in any need or trouble: the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unemployed, the oppressed and those in prison. We give thanks for all who work for our health and safety, nurture and support. Please mention aloud those you wish to pray for (Pause), we pray:

Spirit of Life, be alive in us.

Parish of New Germany

May our lives be spent giving glory to God. May we die in the peace of Christ, in the hope of resurrection and in the fullness of joy in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John's and all the Saints, we pray: **Spirit of Life, be alive in us.**

Archdeacon

Gracious God, support us all the day long of this earthly life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, O God, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Regional Dean

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us and grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

Hymn#29 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended