

“And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Jesus Christ - Luke 24

Friends, when someone good and close to us has died, we feel that this person is still with us and keeps inspiring and guiding us. When at his Ascension Jesus left his disciples and passed to the glory of heaven, he became to his disciples more than a memory of a great person who had died.

First, he is still alive as the Risen Lord; second, he is gone but he stays with us by his Spirit of strength, wisdom, and love and in this way he is our companion in life. He still speaks his Word to us, he still gives himself to us as our food and drink, and he is alive in our communities.

Jesus has gone ahead of us and shown us the way in his preaching and the way he lived: this is what should inspire us, this is how we should live, like Jesus. In his death he showed us the way of faithful love. He was the first to rise from the dead and our assurance that we too will rise.

In his ascension he went ahead of us to live in the joy of the Father. In all these steps he is a living invitation: Come, follow me where I go. I am waiting for you after you have continued my work. Listen to him present among us here and let him nourish us with his Word and his Body. Have a wonderful week.

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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 Penny Pratt, Sheila Morris, Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Shirley Woods, Roxie Smith
10:30am Sharon Green, Ann Grandy
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Velvet & Leslie Eliuk
Hosts: Betty & Elroy Creaser

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 12TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server:** 10:30 am Alex Knickle
10:30 am Roger Demone, Susan MacMillan, Sharon Green
Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Brian Demone
10:30 am Judy McPherson, Cathy Ramey
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Velvet & Leslie Eliuk
Hosts: Catherine Hanhams, Laura Risser, Leslie & Velvet Eliuk,
Caroline Skinner, Audrey Skinner

The Holy Eucharist

Music Setting: Mass of Remembrance by Marty Haugan.
Copies are found on the Green Insert.

Prelude: 'Come Down, O Love Divine' - Ley

Announcements

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #247 'Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise'

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.
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!

The Collect

Let us pray that the risen Son may always be with us through his Spirit.
The community prays silently. The celebrant then says the Collect.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

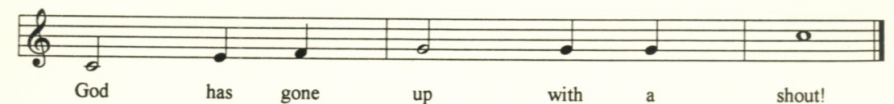
A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **ACTS 1:1-11**

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

PSALM REFRAIN



Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy. For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth. **R**

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **R**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises. **R**

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill. God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne. **R**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted. **R**

PSALM 47

A READING FROM THE REVELATION OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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

Gospel Hymn #645 'Come Down, O Love Divine'

The Gospel

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO

LUKE *People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as

Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

LUKE 24:44-53

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

Sermon

The Apostles Creed *Let us confess our faith, 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.

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;

God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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.

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

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.

Offertory Hymn #245 'O Lord Most High, Eternal King'

The Prayer over the Gifts *Read by celebrant.*

Lord our God, in the signs of this bread and this wine your Son Jesus is with us yet. May he give us his Spirit of strength, that we may not keep staring at heaven except to ask for your help to do your work. May we rather face the world and commit ourselves to the task of building your Kingdom, by the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever. **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 the Ascension

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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.

**When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
we proclaim your death Lord Jesus, until you come,
until you come in glory. (Repeat)**

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, **(sung)** through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
People **Alleluia! Amen. Alleluia! Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord Jesus is now living in the glory of the Father in heaven; there he pleads for us. Through him, and in his words, we pray to God, our Father:

**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.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
**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.*
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 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

Communion Hymn #84 'Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour'

St. John's Ringers 'Beside Still Waters' - Howard Starks

Prayer after Communion

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

Lord our God, we thank you for trusting us so much that you have handed over to us the very mission of your Son: to be his presence to the world. May we reign with him by learning from him to serve, that people may see that Christ is alive because we are his body to the world. We ask you this through Christ our 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 the ascended Lord advocate and comfort us all the day 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 #246 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Postlude: Heut' Triumphret Gottes Sohn – J.S. Bach

NOTICES

Please note:

- ▶ St. John's Church invites Tenders for complete painting of the front of the church including all of the Bell Tower (white & Black) and all the black trim on the rest of the church. A copy of the tender specs may be picked up at the Parish office after Wednesday, June 8th for quotation. Tenders close at 2 pm on Wednesday, June 15th. Any further questions please contact Raymond Francis, Property Chairperson, at 634-8487.

June 5th - Choral Evensong - Tonight at 4pm

One of the gems of Anglican Worship is sung Evensong. Join us in the church at **4pm today**, as our Chancel Choir leads a Traditional Service of Evensong that includes beautiful choral music and lessons and a Hymn Sing. Following the Service, there will be light refreshments served in the plaza outside the Church. All are welcome.

258th Patronal Festival of St. John's Church - June 12, 2011

Mark your calendar for June 12th, as St. John's Church celebrates our Patronal Festival. This year will mark the 258th Anniversary of the Foundation of St. John's Church. We are delighted that our guests at the 10:30 a.m. service, will be the Liederkrantz German Men's Choir from Edmonton, Alberta. They will be singing some Anthems and assisting in the service. Later that same evening, they will be treating us to a wonderful concert at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

St. John's **ACW Lobster Roll Take Out** will be held Friday, June 17th. Price is \$10.00 and pick up time is 11am - 12:30 pm. **Advance orders only.** Tickets are available from Sharon at 634-8269 or the Parish office at 634-4994.

The "Lunenburg World Heritage 5 KM Road Race" will be taking place June 12th during Saint John's 258th Patronal Festival. Parishioners and visitors alike should take the necessary precautions to allow for detours and increased traffic. The race begins at 9:30 AM.

King's-Edgehill School located in Windsor, NS is a school for High School students Grades 7-12. A brochure and CD are available from the parish office if you are interested in learning more about this school. Their website is www.kes.ns.ca

PAINTING THE CHURCH

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the fire that so severely damaged our Church. With your tremendous determination and your wonderful support it was lovingly restored. The exterior was restored in 2004 and the interior finished in 2005.

Now, seven years later, the Church exterior shows signs it needs to be repainted. The black trim all around the Church is in bad shape and many window frames have no paint left on them. The front façade is also showing the same signs of paint deterioration.

If finances allow, we can paint more of the Church as well. There is a good case for doing this work only once instead of piecemeal as you have to raise scaffolding or hire a man-lift to get to the higher portions of the building. If you do it all at the same time, you save money on not having to either re-erect the scaffolding or bringing the man-lift to the site.

Last year we began the Raise the Roof Campaign for the parish hall. Many parishioners were generous in their support and after expenses for the roof, a surplus of \$2,778 remains, which will be used to start off the Paint The Church Campaign. Over the next several months, your support will be needed as we work together to raise funds to paint the church.



Prayer of the Week -

For Those preparing for Confirmation

GOD, who through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who at this time are seeking the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with his power; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

Information on our glorious Casavant Pipe Organ.

This will answer many questions raised by visitors to St. John's

The organ was built by Casavant Freres of Ste. Hyacinth, Quebec. It arrived in Lunenburg Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The installation was completed on November 19, 2005 and was fully voiced and used for Divine Service on December 22, 2005. The organ replaces the 1954 Casavant instrument which was destroyed by the fire. In order to have the organ appear in harmony with the restored church, the facade pipes are stencilled using colours and decorative patterns found elsewhere in the church. This practice was frequently employed in the 19th century by organ builders in North America and was an ideal way to integrate the organ visually into the style of the restored church. **Note: The 1954 organ had 1200 pipes. The new instrument has 1818.**

~Submitted by George Munroe, Heritage Chairperson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Parish of Falkland and Purcell's Cove, Rev. Allen Frye, Priest-in-Charge, and Dianna; St. Paul's, Halifax, Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen and Janet, Rev. Canon Gordon Redden, Honorary Assistant, and Mary Lu, Rev. Neale Bennet, Honorary Assistant, and Sharon, Rev. Sue Walters, Honorary Assistant.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Lay Minister Marion Mawhinney.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap**; Clearwater - **Atlantic Guardian, Atlantic Guardian**; Tall Ship - **Picton Castle**

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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