

## EVENSONG



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,*

### Prelude in G Major – J. S. Bach

*Please remain seated for the*

### Choral Introit ...Phos Hilaron.... tune : Tallis's Canon

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth; the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life-giving Lord:  
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

*Please stand to sing the*

### Opening Hymn: #645 'Come Down, O Love Divine'

*Gathering Sentence for Ascension*

Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4. 14, 16.

Leader O Lord, open thou our lips;  
**All And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**  
Leader O God, make speed to save us;  
**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up and facing the altar, the Leader shall sing:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**All As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Leader Praise ye the Lord;  
**All The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Please be seated for the Psalm and Lessons*

## **The Psalm**

'Sing to the Lord a new Song' - (Psalm 98) **Dupuis (traditional)**

### **The First Lesson is a Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at Chapter I, verse I**

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them during forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Here endeth the Lesson.

*Please stand*

**MAGNIFICAT** St Luke I. 46. - *R. Goodson*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, /

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him /throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; /

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, /

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; /

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /

world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated*

### **A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 28, beginning at verse 16**

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Please stand to sing the*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** - St Luke 2.29. - *Barnby*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, /  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, /

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, /

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, /

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /

world without end. Amen.

### **Hymn Sing**

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*After the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling:*

Leader The Lord be with you;

**All And with thy spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**All And grant us thy salvation.**

Leader ○ Lord, save the Queen;

**All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Leader Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

**All And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Leader ○ Lord, save thy people;

**All And bless thine inheritance.**

Leader Give peace in our time, ○ Lord;

**All And evermore mightily defend us.**

Leader ○ God, make clean our hearts within us;

**All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## The Collect of Ascension

Let us pray

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Second Collect, for Peace

○ God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, ○ Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn.*

*An offering for the Music Programme of the Parish will be received.*

## Offertory Hymn # 31 Saviour Again, To Thy Dear Name We Raise



*Please kneel or sit for*

## **The General Intercession**

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy people bowed before thee, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to thy fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Succour all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us, and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember. For thou art the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. Thou, who knowest each one's need, and hast heard their prayer, grant unto each according to thy merciful loving-kindness and thy eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom, *prayed together:***

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

## **The Closing Hymn: #29 'The Day Thou Gavest'**

## **Postlude**

**On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 24) – Stanford**

*Everyone is welcome to a reception immediately after this service.*

