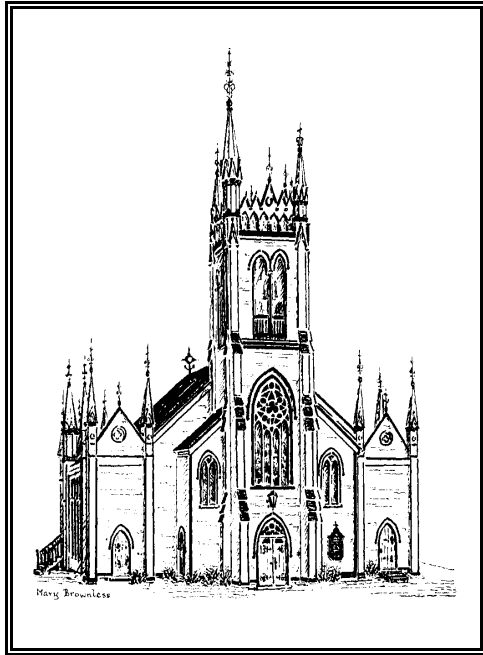


Seventh Sunday of Epiphany February 19, 2012



# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

*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.*

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St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1753

## Rector's Message



Dear parishioners and friends, welcome as we gather to worship our loving God. Today we have an opportunity to engage in a review of the past year as we gather for our Annual General Parish Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. service. A look at the past year reveals much about our common worship and life in the parish. We have so very much to be thankful for.

Every parishioner, young and old is an important part of our parish. Consider coming to the Annual Meeting and the social which follows. Your voice is important. You are welcome.

Please come to the AGM.

In today's gospel, Jesus heals a paralytic man. This healing takes place because of the deep faith of the man and his friends. The scribes do not see Jesus' healing power as being from God, but think Jesus is blaspheming because they know that only God can forgive sins. They have not yet accepted Jesus as the Son of God, but Jesus shows that he has the power to both heal and to forgive sins.

As we gather this day for our AGM, let us give thanks for our life and ministry here at St. John's and for the ability to worship God this day. God bless you and have a great week. *Michael+*

### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Roger Demone

**10:30 am** Holly Mitchell, Sharon Green

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Laura Roblee, Brian Demone

**10:30am** Hazel Oliver, Judy McPherson; **Server:** Aisling Curtin

**Sidespersons:** Sheila & Jim Morris

### NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

**Lay Readers: 8:30 am** Sandra MacDonald

**10:30 am** Susan MacMillan, Roger Demone

**Lectors: 8:30 am** Sandra & Ed Jordan

**10:30am** Sunday School; **Server:** Brooklyn Green

**Sidespersons:** Betty & Elroy Creaser

# Morning Prayer

## Announcements and Welcome

**Prelude: Lord Jesus Christ, Be With Us Now – J.S. Bach**

**Processional Hymn #434** 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'

## The Gathering of the Community

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips,  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All** **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.**

*Officiant* Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful. Colossians 3.14,15

## The Invitatory - The Jubilate

**All** **The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

*Left* *Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Right* *Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Left* *Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*Right* *For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

**All:** **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.**

**The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 ISAIAH

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. ISAIAH 43:18-25

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

### PSALM REFRAIN **Heal me, for I have sinned against you.**

Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble. The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies. **R**

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness. I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you." **R**

My enemies are saying wicked things about me: "When will he die, and his name perish?" Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; their heart collects false rumours; they go outside and spread them. **R**

All my enemies whisper together about me and devise evil against me. "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; he has taken to his bed and will never get up again." **R**

Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, has lifted up his heel and turned against me. But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, and I shall repay them. **R**

By this I know you are pleased with me, that my enemy does not triumph over me. In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face for ever. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, from age to age. **R**

## SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been "Yes and No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not "Yes and No"; but in him it is always "Yes." For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn #619 'Fairer Lord Jesus'

**The Gospel** The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**  
**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK.** *People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins - he said to the paralytic - 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.'" And he stood up, and immediately took the mat

and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" MARK 2:1-12  
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

## The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers.*

### Prayers for the Annual Meeting

God of the seasons, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting of this Congregation. To this place we bring all the celebrations and hardships, the joys and the sorrows of the past 12 months. We remember with thanksgiving, the highlights of the year:

- For the regular Observance of the Lord's Day, when we gather as a parish family to honour you in Worship and Praise and to be renewed for service in the world; for our Sunday school and the passing on of the faith. **We give you thanks.**
- For the many acts of generous service given by individual parishioners as well as by all the groups, ministries and committees of the parish that serve the Gospel within the parish and in the community. **We give you thanks.**
- For the generosity of many who gave to the Raise the Roof Campaign to replace the roof on the Parish Hall and for all who are contributing to the Painting of the Church. **We give you thanks.**
- For our annual Patronal Festival of Saint John, giving thanks for 258 years of ministry as a Congregation. **We give you thanks.**
- For the Service marking the 10th Anniversary of the Fire and restoration of the church; for the renewal of the congregation over these years. **We give you thanks.**
- For the community Remembrance Day Service and the presence of a full church and members of the West Nova Scotia Regiment and Peace Keepers from around the globe. **We give you thanks.**
- For the Regional Confirmation with Bishop Sue and the young people who renewed their Baptism Vows, for all who have made Baptism and Wedding vows this past year in our church. **We give you thanks.**

- For the Celebration marking the 35th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada and the gifts they bring to our church and world. **We give you thanks.**
- For the many guest preachers, celebrants, singers and musicians who have blessed us this past year with their faith and talent. **We give you thanks.**
- For the privilege and joy of opening our church to thousands of visitors each summer and for the joy of the music programs which fill our church. **We give you thanks.**
- For those who have departed this life in faith, for their presence among us and for the legacy of faith which endures in our hearts. **We give you thanks.**

**We gather to look forward to what the coming years have in store. We know that they will not always be easy, that life will always have a mixture of easy and difficult. As we meet and discuss the life and work of this part of your family we pray that you would be a central part of our discussion.**

**We pray your guidance in seeking a Treasurer who will assist our congregation in being good stewards of our financial resources.**

**May your Spirit move in our hearts, opening them to hear what each of us has to offer, bringing light to both possibilities and realities, drawing us always to consider what you would have us be and do in this time and place. Help us to live in such a way that we draw closer to your vision for us and journey faithfully in your Way.**

**We offer what we can to your service and your glory, mindful of the great gifts we have been given in so many ways throughout our lives. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, in whose name and hope we gather together as a community. AMEN**

### **Confession and Absolution**

In the presence of the God and Father of us all, we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual unity which is already ours as members of the Body of Christ.

Let us acknowledge our sin, that this unity may, by God's grace, become a visible unity, so that his Church in every place may demonstrate the healing power of the gospel, and be an instrument of his peace in the life of the world.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and against one another,  
in thought, and word, and deed.**

**We are truly sorry for our pride,  
and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love.  
We repent of our narrow-mindedness,  
of our bitterness and our prejudices.  
Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Offertory**

**Hymn #86 'More Than We Can Ask or Imagine'**

*Parishioners share in gathering the offering of God's people.  
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 our Father, we bring before you the offering of our very selves, that it may be a gift of peace and reconciliation. With your Son, may we discover the best that is in each of us and to create one another anew with the same liberating and forgiving love which you have shown us, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

That we may embrace the healing power of Christ and be healers of others, let us pray:

**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.**

## Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

And may the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit sustain you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn #564 'Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us'

## Dismissal

Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: My Lord and God – J.S. Bach

## NOTICES

St. John's is pleased to recognize and give thanks to the members of our parish who work tirelessly with dedication in making valuable contributions to our church over the years.

To show our gratitude we will be presenting these folks with a Certificate of Appreciation at the Annual General Meeting.

Sincere and best wishes are extended to these individuals:

**Joy Saunders, Edythe Oxner, Gordon & Ruth Winters, Ed & Sandra Jordan, Hazel Oliver, Pamela Kent and Mary Brownless**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please pick up a copy of the Annual Report at the back of the church. Our Annual General Meeting will be held after the 10:30am church service today. Plan to attend the Pot Luck Luncheon.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

St John's Sunday School will be holding their annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21 at the Parish Hall 4 pm - 6 pm. A freewill offering will be collected with proceeds going to our foster child, Ruth.

Kathy Lucking has been rescheduled to come to the parish on February 26th. We are pleased to welcome her back to our parish. Kathy, of the Madagascar School Project, introduced this project to the parish last year and she is returning to give us an update. Throughout this past year, many of you have knitted vests and given support to the project. Thank you.

## "AND IT WAS GOOD"

### A Communion wide Lenten Program for 2012.

Join Anglicans around the world for our Lenten program which will enable us to engage with a Bible-wide range of Scriptural passages that speak of our responsibilities in relation to the environment. There will be reflections from Anglicans in different parts of the Communion to help us broaden our understanding of church and holy scripture.

**A call for assistance:** As we present this program after both Sunday services during lent (February 26, March 04, 11, 18, 25), we wish to be able to provide refreshments for participants. Whether or not you are able to participate, we ask you to consider if you would be able to provide muffins, scones, bread ... for the participants on one of the Sundays. Please call the parish office or Louis Quennelle (louisq@eastlink.ca or 527-0122).

### ISRAELI REJECTIONISM, A Hidden Agenda in the Middle East Peace Process.

Co-authors, **Zalman Amit** and **Daphna Levit** will speak to us

and present their book on **February 24, in the Parish Hall at 7PM.** "The Palestine-Israel conflict is one of the running and seemingly intractable confrontations in the modern world. This book delves into the 'peace process' to find out why so little progress has been made on the key issues."

Zalman Amit was born in Palestine and grew up in a newly created Israel. He is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Concordia University and is the author of four books and over 300 articles.

Daphna Levit taught finance and economics at the Universities of Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion. She has edited and contributed to numerous books on Middle Eastern Politics.

Please join us on **February 24, in the Parish Hall at 7PM.** As Christians we should be concerned with events in what we consider the Holy Land. More importantly, however, as disciples of the Prince of Peace, anything that concerns peace among peoples is part of our Faith and Mission in the world. This is open to parishioners and members of the community.

### CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, February 26 at 7:30 pm** ~ *Justine Pelletier, piano*

**Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 pm**

~*Symphony Nova Scotia & Chris Stout/Catriona McKay*

**Friday, March 9, 7:30 pm** ~ *Vancouver Chamber Choir*

**Saturday, March 10, 10 am – 12 noon**

~*Vancouver Chamber Choir Choral Workshop*

**Thursday, March 15, 7:30 pm**

~*Simone Osbourne, soprano; Tyler Duncan, baritone; Erika Switzer, piano*

**Sunday, April 15, 4 pm** (please note time change from 7:30 pm to 4 pm)

~ *B Minor Mass - King's College Chapel Choir*

Tickets are available at Fulton's and at the door. Reservations can also be made by calling 634-9994 or e-mail [stjartsalliance@eastlink.ca](mailto:stjartsalliance@eastlink.ca). A special price for students is offered at \$10 at the door.

**Our Music and Meditation for Lent begins  
Wednesday, February 22 at noon.**

**SOUPER MARKET UPDATE**

Many thanks to so many of you who were able to attend our 'souper market' last Saturday. Our attendance topped 150 and \$1,800 was raised for our music program. We hope to make this an annual event.

A **Cursillo Ultreya** will be held on Monday, Feb. 20th at 7p.m. at St. John's Church, Chester Basin. An Ultreya is where we can find support through the sharing of one another's experience of living with Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend. Instructions to St. John's - turn right off exit 9, then right at the Petro Can station, St. John's is 1/2 km on the left.

The **World Day of Prayer Service** will be held March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm at St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, Lunenburg. Everyone is welcome.

**STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH**

*There has not been a note for some time, I have been having a relapse with my Parkinson's Disease which has made it impossible for me to write or type. My specialist has changed my medication which allows me to type.*

The Heritage Committee has a new member, Cathy Ramey who is a direct descendant of John Baptiste Moreau's son, Cornwallis Moreau who settled in the Crousetown area. He was named Cornwallis in honour of the founder of Halifax, Col. Edward Cornwallis. Cornwallis Moreau was the first male child born in Halifax. He removed to Lunenburg where his father became the first rector of St. John's.

The Heritage Committee meets weekly in the Interpretive centre of the church and will do so until the Church Tours begin in May. Committee members are currently cataloguing the memorials within the church. We are organizing all our archival material and applying for a grant from the Provincial Archives. This grant will enable us to purchase materials in which will be placed our archival materials. It is interesting to note that we have one of the most complete archives in the Diocese.

*~ All going well, this note will appear on a weekly basis.*

*Submitted by George Munroe, Heritage Chairperson*

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Tuesday:** St. John's Ringers Bell Practice - 7 pm - Church

**Wednesday:** **Ash Wednesday services will be held at 10 am and 7pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Sunday:** BCP Holy Eucharist - 8:30 am- with Kathy Lucking  
Family Service - 10:30 am with Kathy Lucking

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Most Revd Armando Guerra Soria, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Guatemala.

**Diocesan Cycle:** Greater Glace Bay Pastoral Unit, Rev. Vernon Reid and Bong, Rev. Judi Phillips, Curate.

**Local Ministerial:** The Congregation of Central United Church and Rev Grace Caines-Corkum.

**Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I;  
Clearwater - Atlantic Guardian**

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